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1 GARTH ANDERSON: Hi, good evening
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- 2 everybody, welcome to the Mead RAB meeting. If
- 3 everyone could take their seats we'll go ahead and
- 4 get started.
- 5 First of all, I'd like to point out we do
- 6 have refreshments over here, we do have coffee, some
- 7 cookies and some bottled water left over from our
- 8 site tour in the red cooler, so please help
- 9 yourself.
- 10 NEW SPEAKER: What's left over, the --
- 11 GARTH ANDERSON: The bottled water is left
- 12 over from the site tour, not the cookies. I think
- 13 the crew at the treatment plant took care of the
- 14 cookies.
- 15 Also in the back of the room there are a
- 16 number of handouts that are -- that are there for
- 17 reference for you to take home, and we'll refer to
- 18 some of them during the presentation.
- 19 Also if you have not signed in, we would
- 20 appreciate it if you could.
- 21 First of all, I'm Garth Anderson, I'm the
- 22 army co-chair for the Mead RAB. Now, again apologize
- 23 for the weather, it looks like we know how to pick
- 24 the right date. Seems like last April we were under
- 25 tornado watches and warnings, and I don't know if

1 tonight is going to be any better. We survived one

- 2 monsoon earlier this afternoon, but all lived to
- 3 tell about it.
- 4 A few introductions before we get started,
- 5 again I'm Garth Anderson, the army co-chair; the
- 6 community co-chair, Melissa Konecky in the back, you
- 7 can wave your hands, I think everyone knows who you
- 8 are, and I'll introduce some of the restoration
- 9 advisory board members.
- 10 These are our active members, Melissa,
- 11 John Wageman and Paul Randazzo; and some of our
- 12 agency RAB members, Scott Marquess from EPA,
- 13 Larry Angle is here from Lower Platte North, and do
- 14 we have any other agency members? I don't think so.
- 15 A few of the army folks that are here just
- 16 so you know, we've got Cathi Sanders, who's our
- 17 environmental counsel; Jason Leibbert you've all
- 18 seen many times at the RAB; Alyse Stoy, EPA counsel;
- 19 and from our public affairs office Mr. Tom O'Hara.
- Okay. Some of the meeting guidelines,
- 21 again we've seen all these before, the important
- 22 thing is to just one question at a time. Let's let
- 23 whoever has a question and answer talk and finish
- 24 whatever they have to say, and let's keep it nice,
- 25 keep it relaxed, so, you know, I'm not saying we'll

1 have a fun time, but we can certainly have a

- 2 pleasant time.
- 3 Important to know, the meetings are be
- 4 recorded, we all are getting familiar with our great
- 5 court reporters, they're doing a fantastic job of
- 6 getting the transcripts out and getting the
- 7 videotape, but it's important that -- and I'm one of
- 8 the biggest violators, to speak slowly. I tend to
- 9 rush a little bit, but if you do have a question or
- 10 if you make a statement, please say your name so
- 11 that the court reporter can get your name accurately
- 12 and she'll be able to keep up with the transcript.
- We do have a mailing list. If you'd like
- 14 to get -- if you're not getting the hard copy of the
- 15 letters coming out, please let me know and we'll
- 16 make sure you're on the hard copy mailing list.
- We also have a project web site that we
- 18 try to keep as current as possible, and if you would
- 19 like notification that new information has appeared
- 20 on the web site, please provide us with your e-mail
- 21 address, and we've -- I've got a big e-mail list
- 22 that I can blast out to let you know when things are
- 23 out there.
- 24 Slide.
- Okay. Our agenda --

- 1 Yes, sir?
- 2 VIDEOGRAPHER: You have to use the
- 3 microphone to talk so the court reporter can hear.
- 4 GARTH ANDERSON: Good point. Yeah,
- 5 please, we have a number of microphones, we have
- 6 this one that's tethered to the front and we have
- 7 cordless ones that we'll be running around, so if
- 8 you have a question please raise your hand, and
- 9 Tom O'Hara will bring you a microphone, or one of us
- 10 will bring you one of the other cordless
- 11 microphones.
- 12 So I just want to make sure we get a good
- 13 accurate recording of the meeting, so a microphone
- 14 is important.
- Okay. What are we going to talk about
- 16 tonight? Standard stuff, we're going to just give
- 17 you an update of what we've done in the last three
- 18 months since we had our last meeting in April, we're
- 19 going to talk about the site management plan, we're
- 20 going to run through what it contains.
- In fact, there is a copy of the narrative
- 22 for the site management plan in the back. It's on
- 23 the big 11-by-17 sheets, so it'd be a good reference
- 24 to have when we get to that point of the meeting.
- 25 And we'll -- we will talk about the ground

water sampling that we've done since -- well, that

- 2 we completed in March, to include both the standard
- 3 ground water sampling and the direct push sampling
- 4 that we've just completed.
- 5 And then, of course, we want to set a
- 6 meeting -- a meeting date for the next RAB, and any
- 7 topics that you may have in mind.
- 8 And here it comes, right on queue.
- 9 So I guess when we pick a meeting for the
- 10 next RAB you guys might as well just rehearse your
- 11 evacuation procedures for that night, and make sure
- 12 everything's battened down before you come to the
- 13 meeting.
- 14 Okay. What have we done since the last
- 15 time we met? Well, first -- first thing that we did
- 16 and -- on June 21st we had a site tour, and we had a
- 17 great time.
- 18 We had a bus that took us around to visit
- 19 the new treatment plant, the main treatment plant,
- 20 and we stopped at a couple other points of interest.
- Jason, could you -- just want to show you
- 22 a couple of great pictures that Larry Angle took on
- 23 the tour.
- 24 This is out at the main treatment plant.
- 25 Vince, you look a little mad in that picture, I'm

1 not sure what I said to you, but our guys, our ECC

- 2 folks did a fantastic job in taking folks through
- 3 the plant.
- 4 And just another shot of inside the main
- 5 treatment plant. We had about 13 people come to the
- 6 tour, we managed to get done about two hours, a lot
- 7 of information, a lot of standing on the ground and
- 8 seeing things up close.
- 9 Gives you a little better context than we
- 10 can give you on the slides, and we do plan to make
- 11 this an annual event because I think it really is a
- 12 meaningful thing.
- 13 It doesn't replace the RABs, it just
- 14 supplements what we're doing here in our quarterly
- 15 RABs.
- What else have we done? Site management
- 17 plan, we did -- we did submit the updated version of
- 18 the site management to EPA and DEQ, and it's
- 19 currently under review.
- 20 March sampling results have been
- 21 published, the fall and spring direct push
- 22 investigation results have been published. And
- 23 those last two documents, by the way, are on the web
- 24 site so you can go out there and take a look and
- 25 download it.

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1 We do have a new design for our
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- 2 EW-11 extraction well 11 treatment system that we'll be
- 3 putting in next year. We've also made some
- 4 improvements to our document library, administrative
- 5 record, information repository, and I'll talk about
- 6 that in a little bit.
- 7 And then upcoming work in the next three
- 8 to six months, we'll talk about the new monitoring
- 9 wells we installed and some future performance
- 10 evaluations.
- 11 Okay. Let's start with the site
- 12 management plan.
- 13 Again, I do have a copy of the site
- 14 management plan in the back. It's on the big
- 15 11-by-17 sheets, so if you want to use that as a
- 16 reference, feel free.
- 17 And you notice there are a number of
- 18 elements of the site management plan numbered one
- 19 through eight. Obviously the biggest one that we
- 20 have in there is the ongoing operations and
- 21 maintenance of the existing treatment plants.
- We have -- we plan some investigations of
- 23 the plume interior that'll lead to some focused
- 24 extraction; the annual ground water monitoring
- 25 program, something we have to do every year;

1 performance evaluations, we'll talk about that in a

- 2 little bit.
- 3 Things we're going to do along the eastern
- 4 plume, some additional investigations, of course
- 5 community relations, what we're doing right here has
- 6 to be accounted for in our plan, and then we have to
- 7 plan and account just for the overall project
- 8 management.
- 9 Now, the site plant plan is not just a --
- 10 something dreamed up by the Corps alone. We've been
- 11 working on this for quite some time with EPA and
- 12 NDEQ and we've finally come up with something that
- 13 we all -- all agree to and are moving out with.
- One thing I do want to point out, that
- 15 this is a living plan. This is not something that
- 16 was carved in stone. You know, as a famous general
- 17 said, no plan survives the first shot at the enemy,
- 18 and a lot of unknowns out there, so we do -- we do
- 19 have provisions to adjust the plan for whatever
- 20 reason, whether it's budgetary, whether it's -- we
- 21 find some information, what have you, we make
- 22 adjustments to the plan as necessary.
- Let's see, for 2006, a planned activity,
- 24 we've already completed the sampling along the
- 25 eastern boundary, that's to establish the line along

- 1 the -- along the east. At the end of 2006, we're
- 2 planning to install and sample the new monitoring
- 3 wells along that eastern edge in both the
- 4 existing -- supplement the existing network of
- 5 monitoring wells.
- 6 Of course, this year we did finish the
- 7 Load Line 1 treatment system.
- 8 TOM O'HARA: Question back here.
- 9 GARTH ANDERSON: Yeah, Tom.
- 10 LYNN MOORER: Thank you so much for your
- 11 help. This is Lynn Moorer.
- 12 I noted with interest, since we're talking
- 13 about site management plan, I do appreciate the
- 14 larger print. You explicitly promised at the last
- 15 meeting that you would provide the site management
- 16 plan with print large enough to read without a
- 17 magnifying glass.
- 18 But the trouble is you didn't include at
- 19 all one of the main and most important things is the
- 20 time line, the schedule, and that's got the tiniest
- 21 print, and this is the latest one that I have found
- 22 at DEQ, which is dated May 17th, 2006, which is
- 23 after that last RAB meeting we had on April 6th.
- 24 So you still haven't provided the most
- 25 important or the most critical document to go along

- 1 with what you're talking about right now; that is
- 2 the time line, and that's not provided, and this is
- 3 the tiniest print I've ever seen.
- 4 Incidentally Ms. Konecky wanted me to
- 5 mention that there is -- we have discovered one
- 6 thing in this community that is cast in stone about
- 7 this particular project, and that apparently are
- 8 those chemicals or contaminants of concern; you're
- 9 certainly unwilling to change those.
- 10 In any rate, I am looking forward to the
- 11 time line, do you have that in print --
- 12 GARTH ANDERSON: One thing that --
- 13 LYNN MOORER: Could you wait until I'm
- 14 done before you interrupt, please.
- Do you have a version of the time line in
- 16 the print as large as the narrative of the site
- 17 management plan?
- 18 GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. You're done with
- 19 your question, I think there's a question in there.
- 20 The -- if you notice --
- 21 LYNN MOORER: You don't need to insult me
- 22 Mr. Anderson. You know there was a question in
- 23 there. There's no -- there's no need for you to
- 24 make that kind of spurious insulting remark.
- 25 GARTH ANDERSON: My apologies.

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1 You will notice that in the narrative that
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- 2 we did pass out that it does correlate with the
- 3 actual schedule. The -- the dates in there are
- 4 based on that schedule, on that detailed schedule.
- 5 LYNN MOORER: What you don't -- excuse me.
- 6 What you don't have are the duration, the
- 7 start and the finish and the breakdown under each of
- 8 these projects.
- 9 There's at least, oh, I'd say ten pages if
- 10 not twelve pages of much more detail that I know
- 11 answer a lot of the questions that a lot of the
- 12 people have been asking.
- 13 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, we can print that
- 14 out in much bigger fashion.
- 15 LYNN MOORER: That's part of the site
- 16 management plan that you promised that you would
- 17 print in -- large enough so you don't have to use a
- 18 magnifying glass, and you said you would have it at
- 19 this meeting.
- 20 GARTH ANDERSON: We provided the
- 21 narrative, which does have dates and budgetary
- 22 numbers. It's a very good summary of the entire
- 23 site management plan.
- 24 LYNN MOORER: It's not readable.
- 25 GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. More planned

- 1 activities for 2006, we're going to complete the
- 2 design of EW-11 Advanced Oxidation Process Treatment
- 3 System, again that's when we're using the actual
- 4 pipeline to act as a treatment vessel to go to the
- 5 treatment plant.
- 6 The updated groundwater model will be
- 7 submitted in September, and we're going to start
- 8 planning for the five-year review, start some of the
- 9 preparation for the five-year review, which is due
- 10 in 2007, and continue with our sampling of both the
- 11 one-mile and half-mile buffer zones.
- 12 Okay. 2007, continue sampling, complete
- 13 the five-year review, and the highlight here I think
- 14 is the annual remedy performance report, that's
- 15 where we pull all the data together, the model, the
- 16 sampling data, hydraulic data, and do an assessment
- 17 of the overall containment system.
- 18 We'll finish -- there will be a little
- 19 more on the containment evaluation to come.
- 20 The -- we'll finish construction of the
- 21 EW-11 AOP, and once -- now that we have a better
- 22 handle on the edge of the plume we're going to start
- 23 next year focusing on the interior of the plume.
- 24 LYNN MOORER: Why don't you tell us what
- AOP means.

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1 GARTH ANDERSON: I'm sorry, AOP is
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- 2 advanced oxidation process. It's a chemical process
- 3 where we have oxidizers that are introduced into the
- 4 pipeline with the contamination, and the time that
- 5 it takes the contamination to travel from the
- 6 extraction well to the treatment building, a
- 7 chemical reaction occurs so that the contamination
- 8 is knocked down and destroyed.
- 9 Slide, please.
- In 2008, continue the updated model,
- 11 install some ground water circulation wells in
- 12 certain hot spots, and continue investigations
- 13 monitoring the plume, and continue the monitoring of
- 14 the buffer zone.
- And same with 2009, and in 2009 I would
- 16 point out that we say possible plume interior investigation;
- 17 right now we do plan to do investigations of the
- 18 interior plume to look for some of these hot spots
- 19 and maybe attack them to decrease our restoration
- 20 time of the plume.
- These are our planned budget numbers for
- 22 the SMP. Again, we're -- these are the budget numbers
- 23 that we're requesting, the realities of the
- 24 budgetary process is we may not get all of what
- 25 we're requesting, and we may have to adjust the plan

1 accordingly, but we will always continue to request

- 2 funds and obtain them to the best of our abilities.
- 3 But one thing we have to keep in mind is
- 4 there are some costs that we have to take right off
- 5 the top that -- these have to happen before anything
- 6 else can happen, and that's continued operation of
- 7 the treatment plant, the monitoring, and then some
- 8 investigation work, but, again, once -- we have to
- 9 take care of the monitoring and the operation of the
- 10 system before we go do anything else.
- 11 Okay. At this time I'm going to turn over
- 12 the microphone to Jason Leibbert, who's going to
- 13 walk us through the sampling that we've just
- 14 completed, and just touch a little bit about the
- June event, and then he'll talk about some other
- 16 topics such as the containment evaluation and other
- 17 things.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Thank you.
- 19 The June GMP sampling event was completed
- 20 in June obviously, June 20th, 21 monitoring wells
- 21 sampled, 4 residential wells sampled, 11 surface
- 22 water locations sampled during this round.
- 23 If you recall every quarter the sampling
- 24 schedule is little bit different. Some monitoring
- 25 wells get sampled four times a year, some monitoring

1 wells only get sampled once a year, so depending on

- 2 how that schedule shakes out each quarter is a
- 3 little bit different.
- 4 The September GMP event is usually the
- 5 largest one, and it'll include more monitoring
- 6 wells, more residential wells, than what was done in
- 7 June.
- 8 Slide.
- 9 A quick summary of the March GMP results.
- 10 LYNN MOORER: Excuse me, Lynn Moorer.
- 11 Mr. Leibbert, are you going to tell us
- 12 more about your findings in June; that is, this June
- 13 sampling event findings before --
- JASON LEIBBERT: I think --
- 15 LYNN MOORER: Give us the high points.
- 16 JASON LEIBBERT: I didn't read the slide
- 17 verbatim, but if you look at the slide it said the
- 18 data results are anticipated to be finalized in
- 19 October of this year.
- 20 So we sample -- collect samples in June,
- 21 we send them to the lab, they do their analytical
- 22 work, we receive the results, we evaluate those
- 23 results, we publish a report, and that usually takes
- 24 about 90 days, and if you remember, that's kind of
- 25 what we talked about in the past.

1 LYNN MOORER: I'm just wondering, are you

- 2 able to tell us anything substantive other than
- 3 just we tested this many? I'm asking were there any
- 4 significant findings, that's what we always would
- 5 like to hear from you each RAB meeting.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 JASON LEIBBERT: The sampling that was
- 8 collected on June 20th, no, we do not have the
- 9 results yet.
- 10 LYNN MOORER: Not at all?
- JASON LEIBBERT: They're still in the
- 12 laboratory. It typically takes 30 days at the lab
- 13 before we receive the results.
- 14 LYNN MOORER: You don't have any idea?
- JASON LEIBBERT: I just told you we don't
- 16 have the results from the lab, so I can't explain
- 17 something that I don't have, but we can talk about
- 18 the results from the March GMP sampling event, and,
- 19 again, as Garth mentioned, that report has been
- 20 posted on the web site so it's available for you
- 21 guys to look at.
- 22 And one of the areas of concern based on
- 23 questions from these meetings has been the surface
- 24 water results, so we have a few charts that we can
- 25 discuss the results in detail this time tonight.

1 GARTH ANDERSON: Can you point out that

- 2 the people with the small slides have the big slides
- 3 on the back.
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: If you got a set of
- 5 slides with the smaller print, if you turn to the
- 6 back there should be some full-sized pages of these
- 7 charts.
- 8 So this first one is TCE at surface water
- 9 location SW-08, and if you recall SW-08 is
- 10 located -- this one right here on Johnson Creek, and
- 11 this one has been pretty consistent. There's TCE
- 12 detections in the range of 30 to 50 parts per
- 13 billion, and it's been that, well, for the past six
- 14 quarters in a row here on this chart.
- Next one.
- 16 Next one is TCE detections at surface
- 17 water location 10, which is a little bit down
- 18 gradient of Surface Water 8, so it's a little bit
- 19 downstream, and, again, this one always has a few
- 20 detections that have been relatively stable over
- 21 time.
- This one, TCE detections in SW-11. This
- one is one Clear Creek, and this one had an unusual
- 24 result back in -- back in 2004. You can see that's
- 25 that first one on the chart. It had a detection of

1 12 parts per billion TCE, but subsequently has been

- 2 nondetect each event.
- 3 So it's kind of an unusual result, but
- 4 we've been looking for it again to see if it
- 5 reappears, and it hasn't yet, but we'll continue to
- 6 sample that again in the future to see if that -- if
- 7 we can find that again.
- 8 Next one.
- 9 So now here's a few slides about RDX, and
- 10 this one is RDX detections at SW-6, which is a
- 11 little up gradient from SW-8, and as you can see,
- 12 the concentrations have been relatively stable;
- 13 they've all been less than 2 parts per billion so
- 14 far.
- TOM O'HARA: Jason, question.
- 16 NEW SPEAKER: I was wondering --
- 17 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, ma'am, what is
- 18 your name?
- 19 WANDA BLASNITZ: Sorry, Wanda Blasnitz.
- 20 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
- 21 WANDA BLASNITZ: On the detections for
- 22 surface water for TCE, what's the standard or are
- 23 there surface water -- you know, like there are for
- 24 the drinking water?
- 25 JASON LEIBBERT: That's a good question.

1 This has been a question at the site for a

- 2 while now, what's the appropriate standard. The
- 3 state of Nebraska does have a surface water quality
- 4 standard for TCE in surface water in the state of
- 5 Nebraska, and that standard is set at 810 parts per
- 6 billion.
- 7 So the difference between that sort of
- 8 standard versus the cleanup standard that we have at
- 9 our site, our standard is a drinking water standard,
- 10 and that is set at five parts per billion of TCE.
- 11 So what the state of Nebraska has
- 12 determined is that surface waters, something like
- 13 Johnson Creek, that's not a drinking water supply,
- 14 you know, it's acceptable to have slightly higher
- 15 concentrations as opposed to the drinking water
- 16 standard, excuse me.
- 17 So the state is saying basically you
- 18 shouldn't be drinking this water, but 30 parts per
- 19 billion, 50 parts per billion doesn't pose an
- 20 unacceptable risk.
- 21 SCOTT MARQUESS: The risk base.
- JASON LEIBBERT: It is a risk base.
- 23 SCOTT MARQUESS: Do you want to go into --
- JASON LEIBBERT: In addition to the
- 25 surface water quality standard, we're doing our own

- 1 evaluation with -- with EPA, and the state DEQ,
- 2 Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, is
- 3 also doing kind of a similar determination to see if
- 4 a different standard should be applied at this site
- 5 or not, and that's in progress right now. We've
- 6 been working on it.
- 7 So one more slide.
- 8 TOM O'HARA: Got a question.
- 9 WANDA BLASNITZ: I wondered why are they
- 10 thinking there's a different standard that needs to
- 11 be required?
- 12 JASON LEIBBERT: The state standard that
- 13 Nebraska defined is based on aquatic life, so it's
- 14 looking at organisms and things that actually live
- 15 in the surface water.
- 16 What we're doing with EPA is we're looking
- 17 at different exposures. Johnson Creek, you know,
- 18 you guys that live here know that Johnson Creek
- 19 sometimes doesn't carry a lot of water, but the
- 20 point is that when we look at these kinds of sites,
- 21 we look at what would happen if someone were
- 22 swimming in Johnson Creek and what would their
- 23 exposure be and would this level of contamination
- 24 result in any sort of unacceptable risk to that
- 25 person, or if this person was fishing in

1 Johnson Creek, what would the risk to that person

- 2 be.
- 3 So that's the evaluation that we're
- 4 working on with EPA, that the state surface water
- 5 quality standard doesn't exactly take all that into
- 6 account.
- 7 Their standard is based on organisms and
- 8 things that would live in the surface water, and
- 9 that's how they come up with their number.
- 10 Is this the last one?
- 11 GARTH ANDERSON: I think so.
- 12 JASON LEIBBERT: I think this is the last
- 13 one. This is RDX detections in Surface Water 10,
- 14 and again you can see they're pretty consistent over
- 15 time, they don't change very much.
- So just a little bit more about the GMP
- 17 progress. We've submitted several documents since
- 18 the last RAB, we've submitted all the results from
- 19 March. Again, that's what's on the web site. We
- 20 submitted some updated project plans for EPA review,
- 21 and we also submitted the annual report for
- 22 2005, which as you remember is the summary report.
- 23 All the data that was collected in
- 24 2005 goes into one single report, and then that was
- 25 completed back in May.

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1 This is -- wow, it's really raining.
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- 2 This is -- I want to talk about the
- 3 results of sampling that we did in the fall of last
- 4 year and then in the spring of this year.
- 5 In 2005, around November or December time
- 6 frame, we collected samples from 118 different
- 7 locations across the site, and then we looked at
- 8 those results, and based on that went back in the
- 9 springtime and collected samples at another
- 10 102 locations in addition to all that.
- 11 At each one of those sample locations we
- 12 went to three different depths and collected ground
- 13 water samples from three different depths below the
- 14 ground surface.
- Just, for example, we went down to 10 feet
- 16 below grade, down to 50 feet below grade, and down
- 17 to 80 feet below grade, and collected water samples.
- There's over 700 analytical results, and
- 19 we're going to move the screen so we can talk a
- 20 little bit about those results.
- 21 And these maps, they don't show well on
- 22 the screen, on the computer screen. They don't fit
- 23 into PowerPoint very well, so we put them up on the
- 24 wall. I know they're hard to read from the back of
- 25 the room obviously, but when we're done tonight, if

1 you want to look at those, come up and we'll talk

- 2 about it and I'll answer questions about those
- 3 specifically.
- 4 GARTH ANDERSON: In fact, while Jason is
- 5 explaining it, if anyone would like to come up and
- 6 just try to get a better view while he orients
- 7 everyone to the map it would be helpful.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Yeah, that'd be fine too.
- 9 This first figure is the -- this is the
- 10 old plume boundary that was defined in 1997, in the
- 11 ROD, in the record of decision, so this is kind of
- 12 the starting point. This is what we started with in
- 13 1997.
- 14 This is all the sample locations that we
- 15 did at the fall of 2005 and then in the spring of
- 16 this year as I explained, so every one of these
- 17 little dots is where we set up the direct push
- 18 truck, went to three different depth intervals and
- 19 collected ground water samples from these three
- 20 different depths, so they're kind of oriented in
- 21 lines that we call transects, so if I refer to
- 22 something as a transect, that's what I'm talking
- 23 about.
- 24 And the objective was to pretty much cover
- 25 the whole site from north to south right along this

1 boundary, so all those -- all those transects fall

- 2 right down here, right on this line, and our
- 3 objective was to kind of find out, prove to
- 4 ourselves and prove to everyone else if this line is
- 5 still accurate, and is this still a good way to
- 6 depict the extent of the plume in the eastern
- 7 direction.
- 8 There's more work to be done in here, and
- 9 we'll get to that eventually, that's what the site
- 10 management plan talks about, but our objective right
- 11 now is to find where this line is for real.
- 12 This one -- I know it probably looks bad
- 13 from the back of the room, but this one has -- each
- 14 one of these points there's the analytical results
- 15 from each one of those locations, so if you want to
- 16 come up afterwards and look at these we can look at
- 17 some specific analytical results from each one of
- 18 these points.
- 19 Again, this report is on the web site, all
- 20 these maps are in that report so you can refer to
- 21 that if you'd like.
- The bottom line is if you take the results
- 23 from all these sample locations and draw a new map
- 24 of where the plume is, this is what you come up
- 25 with.

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1 As you can see, the TCE boundary is
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- 2 actually quite consistent. The biggest change is in
- 3 here, and then there's a little difference here, but
- 4 this whole boundary all the way up is actually very
- 5 consistent with the way it was drawn in 1997.
- 6 So the conclusion is that what was done in
- 7 the past was actually pretty good work, and we've
- 8 confirmed it.
- 9 The other major conclusion from this is
- 10 that the extent of the RDX contamination may be
- 11 quite different than what we've determined in 1997.
- 12 This green outline is the extent of the
- 13 RDX plume, and as you can see it, it's quite
- 14 different, so the conclusion we draw from that is
- 15 that we probably need to re-look at how we draw or
- 16 how we depict on the figures that -- the extent of
- 17 the RDX contamination.
- And we'll probably have to do some
- 19 confirmation work next year to try to confirm if
- 20 these results are accurate, and we'll do more. As
- 21 you can see, we actually didn't do much of direct
- 22 push sampling in this area, so we'll go back and do
- 23 this area, which is -- which is around here.
- Too close to the speaker.
- TOM O'HARA: Jason, we have a question.

1 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: How about below action

- 2 level detection for TCE on the eastern edge. Has it
- 3 changed since 1997?
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: No, it hasn't, that's
- 5 what this outline is. This is the below action
- 6 level, so this is the less than five parts per
- 7 billion for TCE, and then the blue one is the less
- 8 than two parts per billion for RDX in ground water.
- 9 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: You've told us before
- 10 that those lines were at action levels and now
- 11 you're saying they're below action.
- 12 JASON LEIBBERT: This line -- what we're
- 13 saying and we've always said is that what we
- 14 think -- we think that ground water inside this line
- is above action level, and that's what these results
- 16 tell us, and if you're outside this line you're
- 17 below action level.
- 18 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: That's what I'm
- 19 saying, has -- when you're outside of the line, has
- that changed since 1997?
- JASON LEIBBERT: No, it hasn't.
- 22 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Do you have a map that
- 23 shows that?
- 24 JASON LEIBBERT: This is probably the most
- 25 confusing figure of all, this is this old outline on

1 top of this new outline and it -- to try to show

- 2 where the differences are.
- 3 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Uh-huh.
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: The difference on this
- 5 side is very small. There is some difference in
- 6 here, and I know it's hard to see, but this is the
- 7 old line and this is the new line.
- 8 So to answer the question, has the extent
- 9 of contamination the way we -- the way we understand
- 10 it, has that changed, and the answer is no. For
- 11 this TCE plume on the eastern perimeter it hasn't
- 12 changed significantly.
- What's going on in here, yes, that's quite
- 14 different, but that's less critical. That's all
- 15 university property, you know, there's no residents
- 16 living there.
- 17 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: How about RDX and --
- 18 even at a low level, how far east is it compared to
- 19 your old 1997.
- JASON LEIBBERT: This is the way we showed
- 21 it in '97, this green outline, which you can see
- 22 covers quite a large area, and that's what we had
- 23 determined to be contaminated with RDX above the
- 24 action level of two parts per billion.
- Now, based on -- just based on these

1 results and these results alone, it looks something

- 2 like this. It's much smaller in area. And then
- 3 there's this big gap where there doesn't seem to be
- 4 any RDX contamination based on these results, and
- 5 there's a little bit here and then there may be some
- 6 more over here, so it's quite different than what
- 7 was determined in '97.
- 8 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Dave McReynolds again.
- 9 You still haven't answered my question for
- 10 low level; is it farther east than it used to be?
- 11 You've talked about contamination, but you don't --
- 12 you don't say how far it is at a low level, is it
- 13 farther east?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, this outline is
- 15 based on the action level of two parts per billion,
- 16 so, again, what we think, based on these results, is
- 17 that if you're inside the shape there's
- 18 contamination above two parts per billion RDX, and
- 19 if you're outside that shape there's contamination
- 20 less than two per billion, which is below the safe
- 21 drinking water level, which is below our cleanup
- 22 levels for this site.
- 23 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yeah, I understand that
- 24 and I -- but you won't -- you won't draw the line
- 25 out there how far it is and if it's gone any farther

- 1 east even at the low level.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, a lot of these are
- 3 nondetect, that's why they don't show up here. RDX
- 4 was not detected at many of these locations. These
- 5 are the only locations where RDX was detected above
- 6 the action level of two parts per billion.
- 7 GARTH ANDERSON: This is Garth Anderson.
- 8 If you'd like to come up afterwards, the
- 9 map on your far right will show how far out that we
- 10 have a nondetect for each of the contaminants.
- 11 So you can see if we go out, we go out, we
- 12 have a number, we have a number, and then we hit a
- 13 point where it's nondetect, so we know that the line
- 14 is probably somewhere in between the last hit, if
- 15 you will, and then the nondetect.
- 16 So that -- but in 1997 we didn't have that
- 17 level of detail to be able to make that
- 18 determination, so now we know much more -- a lot
- 19 greater detail about where that edge is.
- 20 So anyone who does want to come up
- 21 afterwards, I think it would be helpful for us to
- 22 explain.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: I think the issue that
- 24 perhaps both of you are missing, Mr. Leibbert and
- 25 Mr. Anderson, is that we're asking for a map that

1 shows a progression, showing how this -- your latest

- 2 findings have changed as compared to the last sample
- 3 as compared to the sample before that or perhaps on
- 4 a semiannual basis.
- 5 Mr. Luetkenhaus specifically asked you for
- 6 that type of delineation at each meeting. At the
- 7 last RAB he asked for that, so we keep asking this.
- 8 We want to see a comparative difference each time to
- 9 have an idea, and it's not just at the action
- 10 levels, it's anything, any detects of the
- 11 contaminants.
- 12 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, if you look at --
- 13 this is Garth Anderson.
- 14 If you look at the map on the lower right,
- 15 it does show the comparative analysis between what
- 16 originally was drawn in 1997 and the results that we
- 17 have from our direct push investigation. That's --
- 18 it's a very a good depiction, and I think it'll
- 19 answer a lot of questions.
- 20 LYNN MOORER: Direct push in February,
- 21 March?
- 22 GARTH ANDERSON: Yes.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: This year?
- 24 GARTH ANDERSON: Yes.
- 25 LYNN MOORER: All right. The point --

- 1 that is one map that is of some use, but we're
- 2 talking about the difference also from sampling
- 3 event to sampling event or perhaps from 2005 to
- 4 2006.
- 5 We're not looking from just as far back as
- 6 1997, although that is one of the components, but
- 7 we're also looking in a progression in the
- 8 difference between how far it appears to extend from
- 9 when you sampled in March 2005, for example, to
- 10 March 2006.
- 11 JASON LEIBBERT: I do understand the
- 12 question, and my response is everything you asked
- 13 for is in that report, and it's on this figure, it's
- on this figure, it's on some of these other figures.
- 15 LYNN MOORER: Everything?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Now, what you asked for,
- 17 which is something that we don't do, because the
- 18 results don't change from quarter to quarter, you're
- 19 asking everything three months, every quarter when
- 20 we go out GMP sampling do you update the maps.
- 21 And the answer is, yes, those maps have
- 22 been updated based on those quarterly results, and
- 23 we've been presenting those maps at each RAB for a
- 24 while now, but I think you have to understand that
- 25 the results from the monitoring wells three months

1 apart actually don't change very much so the maps

- 2 look very similar from quarter to quarter to
- 3 quarter.
- 4 And those maps are printed in the
- 5 quarterly data reports which we've been putting in
- 6 the library, now we're putting them on the web site,
- 7 so we have been providing or publishing those kinds
- 8 of maps that you just asked for.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: Actually you haven't been
- 10 providing them to the public in a timely fashion by
- 11 any stretch of the imagination.
- But to clarify, I wasn't necessarily
- 13 saying you need to provide a new map every three
- 14 months to show the difference. I'm saying whatever
- 15 makes sense; if you're testing the same wells
- 16 essentially in March 2005 as did you in March 2006,
- 17 then we'd like to see that comparison.
- 18 By the way, what report is it you're
- 19 saying those maps are from?
- JASON LEIBBERT: These maps up here are in
- 21 the fall 2005/spring 2006 ground water investigation
- 22 data summary report, that was published in June of
- 23 this year. I can't remember the exact date,
- June 30th maybe. It's on the web site, if it's not
- 25 in the library on the computer it will be soon.

- 1 BRADDEN BIGELOW: It is.
- 2 JASON LEIBBERT: It is on the computer.
- 3 LYNN MOORER: I assure you it's not in the
- 4 library.
- 5 BRADDEN BIGELOW: It's there.
- 6 JASON LEIBBERT: It's on the computer that
- 7 we put in the library, which we're going to talk
- 8 about in a few minutes actually.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: Oh, it arrived today, how
- 10 very clever. That's a lot -- that's a lot of notice
- 11 before the meeting, ability to study the
- 12 information.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, it was published at
- 14 the end of June so it's actually only about ten days
- 15 old, and it's been on the web site for a couple of
- 16 days.
- 17 WANDA BLASNITZ: I guess not being at all
- 18 familiar with everything over the years, when you
- 19 did that comparison from '97 to now, basically is
- 20 that something where you took more samples than you
- 21 normally do to get that kind of data, and is that
- 22 something then that you do every so many years, or
- 23 how does that work?
- JASON LEIBBERT: It doesn't happen on any
- 25 sort of fixed schedule like every five years we go

- 1 out and do this kind of thing again.
- 2 The short answer is that, yes, the work
- 3 that was done in '97 was spread out over the entire
- 4 site.
- 5 I didn't mention it, but these figures
- 6 don't actually include Load Line 1, which is over
- 7 here on the west side. This is Load Line 4, 3, 2,
- 8 and then 1, because we didn't do any work over there
- 9 as part of this effort.
- 10 So this effort was highly concentrated on
- 11 this part of the site, and the objective was really
- 12 to get that -- this -- to determine if this is an
- 13 accurate depiction of the extent of TCE
- 14 contamination on the eastern side.
- 15 And, again, there's more work that needs
- 16 to be done to cover the rest of the site to see
- 17 if -- you know, like this is a pretty significant
- 18 change in the extent of the RDX contamination
- 19 compared to this, and we need to go determine if we
- 20 see similar changes over here on the western side of
- 21 the site.
- It's in the site management plan, it's --
- 23 I can't remember exactly when it's scheduled to
- 24 start, but that's something that is on our plate to
- 25 do over the next couple of years, is to keep doing

1 this kind of investigation all the way across the

- 2 whole site.
- 3 HAROLD KOLB: And I noticed on one of our
- 4 pieces of ground that is directly -- where the push
- 5 sample was taken directly east of EW-1, is that --
- 6 that is 2905, is that contamination going to be
- 7 drawn into EW-1 or is it just going to kind of
- 8 filter on down south?
- 9 JASON LEIBBERT: Sample result at
- 10 Location 2905, yes, it's in -- within the hydraulic
- 11 influence of EW-1, and EW-1 will be able to capture
- 12 that in the future.
- 13 HAROLD KOLB: Even though it's straight
- 14 east, it's going to backtrack?
- 15 JASON LEIBBERT: I'm fairly confident in
- 16 saying that, yes, that shouldn't be a problem. That
- 17 kind of talks about the subject of containment
- 18 evaluation and is the extraction well system
- 19 capturing everything it's supposed to, which is the
- 20 subject of more slides later on in the presentation,
- 21 so we'll get to that.
- 22 HAROLD KOLB: Okay. Then on 3004, which
- 23 is south of that one aways, there's a hit of a level
- 24 of two on that one; is that -- and that's not going
- 25 to backtrack a quarter of a mile I'm sure. I know

1 two is only a two, but are you just going to let it

- 2 go or is it just going to keep building?
- 3 It's 3004 at 20 feet.
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: Harold, I think the
- 5 result you're talking about is two parts per billion
- of TCE, which is below that safe drinking water, the
- 7 five parts per billion TCE, which is what our
- 8 cleanup at this site is based on.
- 9 So concentrations that are less than the
- 10 safe drinking water level are -- do not pose an
- 11 unacceptable risk to anyone, and that -- you're right,
- 12 it's probably outside the hydraulic capture zone of
- 13 EW-1, and it's not subject to cleanup.
- 14 HAROLD KOLB: When will you test at that
- 15 same location again to see if that two is changing
- 16 to a three or staying at a two or what?
- 17 JASON LEIBBERT: That is a very good
- 18 question because where do we go from here? Where do
- 19 we go from here is we'll be installing a number of
- 20 new monitoring wells along this eastern boundary so
- 21 we'll able to do that kind of analysis in the future
- 22 to see if these results change significantly over
- 23 time.
- 24 And, again, that's part of more slides
- later in the presentation; I think we'll get to

- 1 that.
- There's also a monitoring well, MW-62,
- 3 which is very close to that exact same location that
- 4 you're talking about, Harold, and that monitoring
- 5 well is routinely nondetect.
- 6 Any more questions on these figures, we'll
- 7 go back to the presentation slides?
- 8 GARTH ANDERSON: This will take a second
- 9 to warm back up.
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: Okay. Next slide.
- 11 This slide is just what we talked about,
- 12 these five figures on the wall showing these results
- in a couple of different ways.
- 14 Again, the conclusions, like we talked
- 15 about, the first conclusion is that the extent of
- 16 TCE contamination on the eastern perimeter of the
- 17 site really hasn't changed much since the way it was
- determined in 1997, so that's good news.
- 19 The RDX or the extent of RDX contamination
- 20 on that eastern half of the site looks like it is
- 21 significantly different than what it was determined
- 22 to be in 1997, which is important for us when we
- 23 talk about containment and is the extraction well
- 24 system capable of capturing all the contaminated
- 25 ground water, but it does not pose a threat to -- or

1 it doesn't pose as concerning a threat to residents

- on the eastern side of the site, you know, beyond
- 3 the extent of contamination.
- 4 So that tells us that we have more work to
- 5 do on the interior of the site, but the perimeter
- 6 where there's a chance for local residents to be
- 7 exposed, you know, there should be no issue with RDX
- 8 contamination there.
- 9 And then again, our conclusion, where do
- 10 we go from here, what do we do with these results,
- 11 these results will be used to locate a number of new
- 12 monitoring wells to go along the eastern side, which
- 13 again if you've been to these meetings before,
- 14 you've heard us say this before, that the plan all
- 15 along has been to put more monitoring wells across
- 16 this eastern perimeter of the site, and these
- 17 results will help us select some of the best
- 18 locations for those permanent wells.
- 19 GARTH ANDERSON: EPA splits.
- 20 JASON LEIBBERT: And then I forgot to
- 21 mention, but Scott reminded me earlier today that in
- 22 the March sampling event, when we took all of our
- 23 samples from the monitoring wells, EPA had a
- 24 sampling crew that worked side by side with ours,
- 25 and collected samples from a number of different

1 monitoring wells, mostly in the interior of the site

- 2 looking for TCE and RDX contamination.
- 3 But EPA also analyzed the results for
- 4 dioxane -- one-four dioxane and one-four
- 5 perchlorate, of which all the results were nondetect
- 6 for those constituents.
- 7 So there's a little bit of corroborating
- 8 data that goes along with our March EPA results.
- 9 Next slide.
- 10 This one Garth mentioned that briefly, but
- 11 I wanted to point out --
- 12 SCOTT MARQUESS: Jason?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Yes.
- 14 SCOTT MARQUESS: Real quick question.
- 15 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Did I --
- 16 Lorus Luetkenhaus.
- 17 Did I understand you to say that there --
- 18 1,4-dioxane was nondetect?
- 19 JASON LEIBBERT: The sampling -- we don't
- 20 sample for that because it's not a DOD related
- 21 chemical, but when EPA did their split sampling with
- 22 us, they did that analysis, and they found -- well, I
- 23 believe they were all nondetect for 1,2-Dioxane.
- 24 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: I believe they were
- 25 detect, am I wrong?

- 1 SCOTT MARQUESS: Yeah.
- 2 JASON LEIBBERT: This is more appropriate
- 3 for Scott to talk about since they're his results.
- 4 SCOTT MARQUESS: Scott Marquess with EPA.
- 5 Where is my sheet?
- 6 EPA sampled at one, two, three, four, five
- 7 six different well clusters, monitoring well
- 8 clusters within the plume.
- 9 We sampled at 21, and 24, 31, 32, 34, and
- 10 43, and those were all nondetect for the
- 11 1,4-dioxane and were perchlorate.
- 12 From last night the results we talked
- 13 about were at -- the university's landfill was where
- 14 the detections were, up here, we're down gradient of
- 15 that.
- TOM O'HARA: Another question?
- 17 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Marquess, Lynn Moorer,
- 18 where are the EPA's results published --
- 19 SCOTT MARQUESS: They haven't been.
- 20 LYNN MOORER: -- for your dioxane testing?
- 21 SCOTT MARQUESS: They haven't been to
- 22 date.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: When will they be published?
- 24 SCOTT MARQUESS: Before the next RAB
- 25 meeting. I'm not sure in what format or form, maybe

1 we'll put them up on the Corps' web site, or I don't

- 2 know, I haven't quite figured out how to do that.
- 3 LYNN MOORER: And accompanied by a map, so
- 4 something that would allow the location to be --
- 5 SCOTT MARQUESS: Right, it would be the
- 6 same wells as here, so the IDs would be included.
- 7 LYNN MOORER: It would be helpful that
- 8 whenever there are results, generally the Corps does
- 9 this on their results, that you have a map that goes
- 10 along with the test results so that you can find it
- 11 visually.
- 12 Thank you.
- SCOTT MARQUESS: We can do that.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Good question, Lorus.
- 15 The university work, we weren't there last night so
- 16 that's not our thing.
- 17 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: I just remember seeing
- 18 that it was there.
- 19 JASON LEIBBERT: The AOP Advanced Oxidation
- 20 Process at EW-11; those of you that have been
- 21 following this site for a while will remember that
- 22 in 1997 we thought the extent of contamination was
- 23 up here, but then I can't remember exactly what
- 24 year, 1999, 2000, we discovered we were wrong about
- 25 that, and the extent of contamination was actually

1 all the way down here, and EW-11 is located right

- 2 here in the middle.
- 3 And EW-11 and 8 were located -- previously
- 4 when we thought this was the extent of contamination
- 5 and these two were going to be out in front of the
- 6 contamination and as this continued to migrate with
- 7 the direction of ground water flow, these wells will
- 8 be able to intercept it and capture that
- 9 contamination and bring that into containment.
- 10 Again, you know, subsequently we found
- 11 some different results. EW-12 and 13 are down here
- 12 so that they can capture the contamination here.
- 13 EW-11 has not been in service since it was
- 14 installed, and the reason for that was that TCE
- 15 contamination of EW-11 at that time, again around
- 16 the 2000 time frame, was some of the highest levels
- 17 of contamination that were found at the site, and
- 18 they were so high that they would cause problems for
- 19 the treatment plant that was designed -- the
- 20 treatment plant basically wasn't designed to
- 21 accommodate those high TCE concentrations.
- 22 So now that we have this part under
- 23 control, now that we have a better understanding of
- 24 what's going on over here, we can shift our
- 25 attention back to this, and the advanced oxidation

- 1 process is a way for us to put EW-11 back into
- 2 service and start capturing this contamination over
- 3 here.
- 4 And it basically -- how this works is
- 5 EW-8 and 11 have a pipeline that carries the water
- 6 back to the treatment plant, and what we're going to
- 7 do is tap into that pipeline, inject hydrogen
- 8 peroxide and ozone into the pipeline that reacts
- 9 with the contamination, and -- well, it reacts and
- 10 destroys the contamination, so by the time the water
- 11 gets all the way back to the treatment plant it
- 12 won't be as contaminated, it'll be treated by that
- 13 point, and then it'll stay in the treatment plant,
- 14 it'll go through the carbon just like everything
- 15 else does, and then it goes out to -- the treated
- 16 water is discharged just like normal.
- 17 So this is kind of an innovative
- 18 technology to treat this kind of contamination at
- 19 these levels without having to build -- well,
- 20 without having to significantly modify our treatment
- 21 plant.
- When we tap into that pipeline we'll have
- 23 another small building out there where -- where the
- 24 injection takes place. We inject the peroxide and
- 25 ozone back into the pipeline, it mixes with the

1 water and goes back down to the treatment plant.

- 2 So this is a significant thing for the
- 3 site because it allows us to put EW-11 back into
- 4 service. The design is in progress right now.
- 5 We submitted the draft remedial design to
- 6 EPA a couple of weeks ago, so it's under their
- 7 review right now, and right now the plan is to kind
- 8 of finish that design this year and then hopefully
- 9 start construction next year.
- 10 This is another feature that we wanted to
- 11 point out that we have a computer in the library,
- 12 the Mead Public Library now that's loaded with the
- 13 historical documents, and as we publish new
- 14 documents we'll upload those onto the computer.
- 15 So all those files, all those old reports
- 16 should be there. If there's something that you're
- 17 looking for that's not on the computer, send us a
- 18 note, give us a quick call, and we'll try to get it
- 19 on the computer as fast as we can, but everything
- 20 that was in the library before should be on the
- 21 computer now.
- 22 GARTH ANDERSON: I'd also like to point
- 23 out one of the reasons why we did this is because
- 24 the lot -- the documents in the Mead library, it was
- 25 relatively uncontrolled. A lot of documents were

1 coming up missing, and there was no way for someone

- 2 to view the DVDs of the RAB meetings.
- 3 So this -- at least with the computer
- 4 there you can now access the documents and look at
- 5 them on the computer. You can take your -- you
- 6 know, you can burn a CD or you can do your little
- 7 USB thumb drive and download the documents, or you
- 8 can actually view the RAB video if you're interested
- 9 in doing that.
- 10 We have two minutes until the tape runs
- 11 out.
- 12 MELISSA KONECKY: I'm Melissa Konecky.
- You just said that documents have been
- 14 turning up missing?
- 15 GARTH ANDERSON: Correct.
- 16 MELISSA KONECKY: Which documents are
- 17 those specifically?
- 18 GARTH ANDERSON: I don't have specific
- 19 ones right now, but we go back from time to time and
- 20 there's -- sometimes we have to replace documents
- 21 that have come up missing, so this is a way that we
- 22 can ensure that there's always a complete set at the
- 23 library, that they're always accessible.
- 24 MELISSA KONECKY: About how many documents
- 25 have been missing since -- you know, since you

- 1 started checking?
- 2 GARTH ANDERSON: I couldn't give you a
- 3 number off the top of my head.
- 4 MELISSA KONECKY: Thank you.
- 5 GARTH ANDERSON: It looks like our tape is
- 6 about to run out, he needs to replace the tape, so
- 7 this will be an opportune time for a quick break
- 8 while he does a tape change.
- 9 (Recess taken.)
- 10 LYNN MOORER: Excuse me, Mr. Anderson, we
- 11 were cut off, we were not finished on the point
- 12 about the improvements to the document library.
- I want to pass this to Melissa Konecky
- 14 first, she has some information to set the record
- 15 straight in response to your last comments.
- 16 MELISSA KONECKY: Hi, I'm Melissa Konecky.
- 17 You know, there's been a lot of times that
- 18 I've gone to the library to look for documents that
- 19 you've said were going to be there and they weren't
- 20 there yet, and like, for example, the videos of the
- 21 RAB meetings, you know, those -- those weren't
- 22 there. You know, at the last RAB meeting we were
- 23 told they would be there shortly if they weren't
- 24 there already, and then I think they just showed up
- 25 last week maybe.

1 But when you said that the documents turn

- 2 up missing, you know, that implies that either our
- 3 librarian is incompetent or that, you know, maybe
- 4 we're thieves, and I mean --
- 5 LYNN MOORER: That's totally not called
- 6 for.
- 7 MELISSA KONECKY: There's just -- you
- 8 know, I just wanted to say there have been a lot of
- 9 times that I've gone down there to look for
- 10 documents that you said would be there and they
- 11 weren't there yet, and you know, I'll check with
- 12 Vera every once in a while and finally, you know,
- 13 she'll tell me, oh, this, this or that came today.
- 14 So, you know, I mean I hate to have
- 15 anybody think that, you know, people are sneaking
- 16 out with stuff under the librarian's nose or that
- 17 we're stealing them or something, so --
- 18 TOM O'HARA: Pardon me, may I address
- 19 that, please?
- GARTH ANDERSON: Yeah, please.
- 21 LYNN MOORER: No, I'm following up.
- TOM O'HARA: She asked a question.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: She's asked -- you can
- 24 answer what question?
- 25 TOM O'HARA: She had a question about if

1 we were suggesting that we're calling the people in

- 2 Mead thieves, and I'd like to point out if I can
- 3 have the microphone for a second and I'll give it
- 4 back.
- 5 Tom O'Hara, Public Affairs Officer for
- 6 the Kansas City District.
- 7 I want to point out something. I've been
- 8 involved in restoration advisory boards when I was
- 9 in the Omaha District, we had two in Lawry -- excuse
- 10 me, Denver, Colorado, a couple in South Dakota, and
- 11 the -- one of the toughest hurdles is these projects
- 12 tend to occur over a number of years and the volumes
- 13 of information that come up in these things take up
- 14 space.
- 15 And the hurdle of trying to keep that
- 16 information current and without dominating local
- 17 libraries, especially in the smaller communities, is
- 18 something that's been a challenge for me for a
- 19 number of years, and we've had documents disappear
- 20 in RAB repositories all over the place.
- 21 So that's not a single accusation against
- 22 the Mead community for this project. It's a
- 23 recurring dynamic, and I just want to set the record
- 24 straight on that. I wasn't aware, because I've been
- 25 out of the office most of the summer, that they had

1 done this, and I applaud this effort here, because

- 2 this is a good way to first off guarantee it's
- 3 current, puts the responsibility on us to load it,
- 4 and also that it takes up a small footprint in a
- 5 library.
- 6 And I haven't spoken with the librarian, I
- 7 hope she or he is happy with it because I applaud
- 8 this effort.
- 9 GARTH ANDERSON: We hope it'll be a good
- 10 addition to the library, and I apologize if anyone
- 11 took it the wrong way, that we're accusing anybody
- 12 of taking any documents.
- We're certainly not, but these are
- 14 documents that are not checked out as you would a
- 15 normal library book, and sometimes people may
- 16 inadvertently -- you know, they just -- things
- 17 disappear sometimes from a place like that, and we
- 18 want to make sure that the record is complete so
- 19 that these documents are available at all times.
- 20 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Anderson, this is
- 21 Lynn Moorer speaking again.
- I respectfully request that before you
- 23 imply that the local librarian is incompetent or
- 24 that things are just going missing, you find the
- 25 facts.

1 The facts as we know them locally are that

- 2 you have repeatedly not carried through on your
- 3 explicit commitments to get things into the library.
- 4 Like, for example, at the last meeting
- 5 Mr. Bigelow explicitly stated DVDs are at the
- 6 library, Fed-Ex'd them two weeks ago, I will check
- 7 tomorrow is what we said, that meaning the day after
- 8 the RAB meeting, to assure that they are there.
- 9 Those DVDs did not arrive until within the
- 10 past week.
- 11 MELISSA KONECKY: Week or two.
- 12 LYNN MOORER: Week or two, all right. You
- 13 made an explicit promise. You also made -- and that
- 14 was not carried through.
- What we know are the facts, that Melissa
- 16 checks regularly in that library looking -- Vera is
- 17 a very honest, competent lady, the librarian,
- 18 Melissa checks with her frequently. We look for the
- 19 documents, are they there, they were promised,
- they're not there.
- 21 It is totally irresponsible and
- 22 reprehensible for you to try to hide behind -- to
- 23 try to cover up your own incompetence and your lack
- 24 of honesty with us by implying that it's somebody
- 25 else's responsibility, and I reject that.

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1 We have seen this happen again and again
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- 2 and again. You've promised to provide information
- 3 and you haven't. At the last meeting, as another
- 4 example, I explicitly asked for follow-up
- 5 information regarding containment, you explicitly
- 6 promised it's in the transcript that the court
- 7 reporter prepared. It explicitly says I will do
- 8 this, and you did not do that.
- 9 The examples of you not carrying through
- 10 and your cohorts at the Corps are numerous, the
- 11 record is long and deep and unfortunate. I ask that
- 12 you do not attempt to carry on in that fashion any
- 13 further, that is totally unacceptable.
- I do agree that a computer can be an
- 15 effective supplement, but it is -- should not be
- 16 regarded as a substitute for hard copies. Most of
- 17 us have struggled countless times to try to get a
- 18 map that looks like this viewable on a computer
- 19 screen.
- 20 How many people have tried to do that, you
- 21 have to scroll this way and that way up and down,
- 22 and the same way, looking at long tables of sampling
- 23 results, looking at it on the computer is only an
- 24 adjunct to or supplement to looking and studying
- 25 something in hard copy form.

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1 You have not received agreement from the
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- 2 RAB that it is appropriate to now turn the library
- 3 only into electronic information as a substitute for
- 4 hard copy documents, and so I suggest you continue
- 5 to recognize you've got a responsibility to provide
- 6 hard copy documents in an updated and accurate form.
- 7 I want to close here citing something --
- 8 citing some of your own words to you, Mr. Anderson.
- 9 This is a letter of February 28th, 2006, to
- 10 Mr. Marquess at EPA, and this relates to an EPA
- 11 letter that Mr. Marquess wrote regarding the draft
- 12 final 2004 annual report dated February 1, 2006.
- So to give you a sense of context, these
- 14 are EPA's comments or some of EPA's comments
- 15 regarding the annual report that the Corps drafted
- 16 summarizing or compiling their sampling -- the
- 17 ground water sampling for 2004.
- 18 And this is quoting from your letter. It
- 19 says: EPA's letter indicated that the draft final
- 20 2004 annual report as written does not present an
- 21 accurate portrayal of the site.
- 22 KCD, meaning Kansas City District, takes
- 23 strong exception to this assertion and other
- 24 statements contained in the February 1st letter.
- 25 The KCD maintains that the presentation of

1 data in the draft final 2004 annual report is an

- 2 accurate and satisfactory representation of all
- 3 sampling results obtained during the calendar year
- 4 2004.
- 5 The EPA has implied that any interested
- 6 party should be able to gain a complete
- 7 understanding of site conditions by reviewing a
- 8 single GMP report, which stands for ground water
- 9 monitoring program.
- 10 In KCD's opinion, this expectation is not
- 11 reasonable. In order to gain a complete
- 12 understanding of site conditions stakeholders must
- 13 perform due diligence by giving consideration to the
- 14 many different reports that document all of the
- 15 investigative work performed at this site since
- 16 1987 -- excuse me, 1989.
- 17 There is not one single report that can be
- 18 updated on an annual basis to provide a new
- 19 characterization of the horizontal and vertical
- 20 extent of the contamination.
- Now listen to this: Stakeholder and
- 22 interested parties must review each annual ground
- 23 water monitoring report in the context of all the
- 24 other reports preceding it.
- 25 And then he concludes, the pertinent

1 documentation of current and past investigation

- 2 results is readily available to the public and any
- 3 interested party.
- Well, that simply is not true. We know
- 5 from experience over and over and over that that
- 6 library does not contain anything approaching all of
- 7 the reports.
- 8 Did you not, Ms. Konecky, do recently a
- 9 file review at DEQ and discover that there was a
- 10 vast difference between the documents that were at
- 11 DEQ and available, orders of magnitude more
- 12 documents at DEQ than there were in the library,
- 13 right?
- 14 MELISSA KONECKY: Right, yes.
- 15 LYNN MOORER: We know from experience
- 16 there's no way that you can begin to understand
- 17 completely what's going on with this site even in
- 18 reviewing all the reports that you find because you
- 19 don't make them available in a timely fashion.
- That library really, really has suffered,
- 21 and it's been your responsibility, and it is totally
- 22 unfair and inappropriate for you to try to shift
- 23 responsibility to the librarian or to the people in
- 24 the community.
- 25 GARTH ANDERSON: Thank you.

Okay. We hope that with the improvements

- 2 we're making to the library, that you can go check
- 3 out on the computer, and please give us some
- 4 feedback on that so we can continuously improve
- 5 what's in the library.
- 6 JASON LEIBBERT: Some of the presentation
- 7 slides that we've covered so far has basically been
- 8 a summary of the work that was performed since the
- 9 last RAB meeting in the last three months or so.
- Now we're into the part of the
- 11 presentation where we talk about upcoming work and
- 12 what are we going to be doing for the next three
- 13 months at the site.
- 14 And building on Harold's question and some
- of the other questions about the -- what do we do
- 16 with those sampling results, the -- one of our
- 17 primary objectives for this year is to install a
- 18 number of new monitoring wells on the east and then
- 19 also some additional monitoring wells on the south.
- 20 And the purpose of all these monitoring
- 21 wells is to help us monitor the extent of the
- 22 contamination and be able to look for any changes
- 23 over time and to provide evidence that the
- 24 extraction well system is capturing all the
- 25 contaminated groundwater the way that it's supposed

- 1 to.
- 2 This is -- the way we're going to
- 3 accomplish this is a couple of different ways. Each
- 4 of the extraction wells have observation wells,
- 5 which are basically piezometers associated with
- 6 them.
- 7 So we're going to install more observation
- 8 wells across the southern part of the site near all
- 9 the extraction wells, and that will help us gauge
- 10 the performance of those transaction wells and be
- 11 able to demonstrate in the future that they're
- 12 operating properly and producing a hydraulic capture
- 13 zone sufficient to capture the hydraulic
- 14 contamination, and there's about 30 of those new
- observation wells, there's about 70 there already,
- 16 so another 50 percent increase or thereabouts.
- More monitoring wells along the south,
- 18 there's already some -- there's already about 35 or
- 19 so monitoring wells across the south, there's here,
- 20 here, here, here, here, here, and then these
- 21 over here are associated with Load Line 1, so -- but
- 22 for this part of the plume there's a few already.
- 23 We have plans to put in 33 more, this is part of the
- 24 containment evaluation work plan that's being
- 25 reviewed by EPA right now, which we'll talk about a

- 1 little bit more in a few minutes.
- 2 And then obviously back to the eastern
- 3 side, the exact number, we're still working on that
- 4 based on these results, trying to select the best
- 5 locations for those new monitoring wells, but it'll
- 6 be around 30, 35, 40 new monitoring wells in this
- 7 area in addition to the monitoring wells that are
- 8 already here.
- 9 Down here there's several monitoring wells
- 10 already. This is probably the area that needs the
- 11 most work wherein the sense that we don't have any
- 12 monitoring wells that belong to us in this area, and
- 13 then there's a few up here, but we'll end up putting
- 14 some monitoring wells up here to address this part
- 15 of the plume.
- So, again, if you've come to these
- 17 meetings before you've heard this plan, this
- 18 approach before. Again, this has been our plan all
- 19 along is to install new monitoring wells to be able
- 20 to -- be able to see any changes in the extent of
- 21 contamination over time.
- 22 So this is the part of the presentation,
- 23 it's the good stuff, I think it's the stuff that you
- 24 guys have been waiting for, the containment
- 25 evaluation.

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1 The idea of containment evaluation has
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- 2 been the topic of, well, the past couple of RAB
- 3 meetings in a row now, and it's the question of how
- 4 do you know that the extraction well system is
- 5 capturing all the contaminated ground water that
- 6 it's supposed to, and the answer is we basically do
- 7 that once a year.
- 8 During the course of the year we collect
- 9 data and measurements from all over the site, and
- 10 the local results for monitoring wells, water level
- 11 measurements from monitoring wells, water level
- 12 measurements from piezometers and observation wells,
- 13 we include the pumping rates for each one of our
- 14 extraction wells, we look to the outside sources
- 15 such as USGS and their gauging stations on like the
- 16 Platte River, I think there's one on Johnson, and I
- 17 think there's a US gauging gaming station on
- 18 Silver Creek.
- We look at that, we also get information
- 20 from Lower Platte NRD, we do this evaluation, we put
- 21 all that information together, we look at that in
- 22 the context of the ground water model, and we make a
- 23 determination that the extraction well system is
- 24 capturing all the contaminated ground water that
- 25 it's supposed to; that's the process in a nutshell.

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1 What we're going to start doing starting
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- 2 next year is documenting all that in something
- 3 called the annual remedy performance report.
- 4 It's a new document that's not been
- 5 generated in the past, and the purpose of that
- 6 document is to kind of take the place of the annual
- 7 report and then include the containment evaluation.
- 8 So, again, it's the -- how you do that,
- 9 how you make that determination is you look at the
- 10 ground water model, and if you remember when we
- 11 talked about the model back in March, it's kind of
- 12 a -- the model is a predictive tool, you use the
- 13 model to predict where the groundwater is going to
- 14 go in the future, what direction and how fast is it
- 15 going to go, is it being captured by our extraction
- 16 wells or is it moving in a direction where it's not
- 17 being captured.
- The model predicts all that for us, and
- 19 then we go out and we check those results by
- 20 collecting all those measurements, we sample these
- 21 wells, we sample or we take water level measurements
- 22 from all across the sites, and that's how we verify
- 23 that the predictions of the model, you know, were
- 24 good or not good or need to be revised, and that
- 25 it's kind of a cycle of continuous improvement.

1 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Now, this ground water

- 2 model, is that your in-house model or MUD's model?
- 3 JASON LEIBBERT: That's our model that we
- 4 placed.
- 5 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Thanks.
- 6 JASON LEIBBERT: So, again, it's a
- 7 combination of many different things. It's many
- 8 different types of data that we collect throughout
- 9 the year, it's a combination of using the model,
- 10 it's a combination of comparing the model to actual
- 11 results.
- 12 That process will be documented in the
- 13 annual report again starting in next year, so around
- 14 the middle of 2007 we'll publish this report, and
- 15 it'll cover the year 2006.
- And that is actually the end of all our
- 17 slides.
- 18 So I propose a day for the next
- 19 RAB meeting, October 19th, let us know if that's not
- 20 a good date, we can change that. Have any
- 21 suggestions about topics for the next meeting,
- 22 please send those to Garth, and we'll include those,
- 23 and we'll open it for questions.
- 24 LARRY ANGLE: Larry Angle, Lower Platte
- 25 North NRD.

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1 Question on the surface water sample that
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- 2 was done: Of course, it's showing up at SW-10; when
- 3 was the last time SW-13 was sampled, which is
- 4 further downstream?
- JASON LEIBBERT: We do all of them.
- 6 BRADDEN BIGELOW: I'll look it up.
- 7 JASON LEIBBERT: Brady's going to verify
- 8 that for us on the computer, the database.
- 9 What I remember is that in March -- well,
- 10 I better not say. I better wait for the results.
- I think it was sampled and it was
- 12 nondetect, but we'll check the database and make
- 13 sure that's correct.
- 14 LARRY ANGLE: The reason I ask is, of
- 15 course, TCE tends to volatilize off and it'd be
- interesting to see if there's any present in SW-13.
- JASON LEIBBERT: I can say that SW-13 has
- 18 been sampled in the past and in the past it's been
- 19 nondetect every time we go to look for it.
- 20 LARRY ANGLE: Okay.
- 21 JASON LEIBBERT: And I believe the same
- 22 thing is true about SW-12; I think every time SW-12
- 23 has been sampled it was nondetect or below action
- 24 level, but I'd have to look at the data to make sure
- 25 that's completely accurate.

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1 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: (Inaudible comment.)
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- 2 JASON LEIBBERT: Methylene Chloride, below the
- 3 action level.
- 4 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Load Line 1, on your
- 5 filter plant.
- 6 VIDEOGRAPHER: Name, please.
- 7 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Sorry,
- 8 Lorus Luetkenhaus.
- 9 Is Extraction Well 13 operational now?
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: 13 is not in service.
- 11 EW-12 is pumping at a rate of 325 gallons per
- 12 minutes. EW-13 was installed, we drilled it, we
- installed the extraction well, we put a pump in
- 14 there, started to pump it and found out that it
- 15 didn't produce as much water as what we thought it
- 16 was going to produce, so since then it's been out of
- 17 service.
- 18 We're looking at that right now trying to
- 19 decide if EW-12 is going to do the job all by
- 20 itself, which all indications are is probably true,
- 21 maybe we don't need Extraction Well 13 at all, but
- 22 that's something that's in progress right now and
- 23 again will be reviewed by EPA and DEQ.
- 24 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Okay. And who did
- 25 your initial engineering on that, in-house or did

- 1 you have someone else do it?
- 2 JASON LEIBBERT: That design was produced
- 3 by our engineering firm, URS Corporation.
- 4 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Okay. And if it
- 5 required 500 gallons a minute as I recall a slide
- 6 about -- I'm going to guess about two years ago, you
- 7 with figuring on the water goes past those wells and
- 8 you were going to suck it back into the wells and
- 9 run it through the filter plant, correct?
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: Basically.
- 11 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Okay. Now, if they
- 12 said you needed 500 gallons a minute running through
- 13 that filter plant to suck all this contamination
- 14 back into it, how are you doing that at 325 gallons
- 15 then?
- 16 JASON LEIBBERT: That initial flow rate
- 17 was a prediction, so what we found was that -- so
- 18 far what we found since this has been operational is
- 19 that EW-12 is actually working better than what we
- 20 predicted in terms of it generates a larger
- 21 hydraulic capture zone than what was originally
- 22 predicted as part of the design.
- 23 So that's where we're at right now, is
- 24 we're trying to collect enough data. It's only been
- 25 operating since February, so it's only a few months.

- 1 The best way to make that determination is to go
- 2 for, you know, six or nine or twelve months to see
- 3 if there's any sort of variation, any sort of
- 4 seasonal effects, but all indications are right now
- 5 this EW-12 is doing a pretty good job all by itself,
- 6 and we may not even need EW-13.
- 7 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: So in the future we're
- 8 not going to get a surprise that that plume has
- 9 moved farther downstream, more south?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, maybe you've
- 11 already seen some of the reports that we've
- 12 published.
- We've seen detections of TCE on the south
- 14 side of EW-12 and 13. The question is are those
- 15 being contained within the hydraulic capture zone
- 16 generated by EW-12.
- 17 That's also in progress. That's part of
- 18 this whole evaluation of, you know, is this working
- 19 the way it's supposed to, is it capturing everything
- 20 it's supposed to. That determination is in the
- 21 works right now.
- 22 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: All right. Thank you.
- JASON LEIBBERT: And I'll just -- you
- 24 know, as we were just talking about containment, the
- 25 next year when we publish the annual remedy

1 performance report, that'll be addressed because

- 2 it's part of the whole containment question, is the
- 3 system working the way it's supposed to.
- 4 MELISSA KONECKY: I'm Melissa Konecky.
- 5 At one of our previous RAB meetings, it
- 6 was probably the April one, you guys were talking
- 7 about some of the things that the next ground water
- 8 model would include like more detailed sensitivity
- 9 analysis, describing all of the additional outside
- 10 influences, how many irrigation wells that the next
- 11 ground water model would include, and I just
- 12 wonder if you could explain to all of us what does
- 13 the more detailed sensitivity analysis in the next
- 14 groundwater model consist of.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, I'm glad you asked
- 16 that question because we have addressed those
- 17 questions. There's a handout on the back table
- 18 where we tried to address those questions.
- 19 The way the questions were written it asks
- 20 for very specific detailed information.
- 21 MELISSA KONECKY: Yes.
- JASON LEIBBERT: The groundwater model is
- 23 in the works right now.
- 24 LYNN MOORER: Where is the handout, what
- 25 does it look like?

1 JASON LEIBBERT: It should be on the

- 2 table.
- 3 LYNN MOORER: I don't think I saw that.
- 4 Was it a fact sheet?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, let's look again
- 6 because I think I got this one off the table.
- 7 GARTH ANDERSON: Let me go back and help.
- JASON LEIBBERT: And if they're not here
- 9 we can give you one. We can put them on the
- 10 computer or we can put them on the web site.
- GARTH ANDERSON: We got them, our
- 12 apologies.
- JASON LEIBBERT: We'll give these folks a
- 14 minute to look at the fact sheet. Brady has the
- 15 answer to Larry's question about surface water
- 16 sampling results.
- 17 Surface Water 13 was last sampled in 2004,
- 18 it was nondetect; SW-12, which is up gradient, but
- 19 outside the extent of contamination, was sampled a
- 20 few months ago in March, and it had a reported value
- 21 of .9 PPB TCE, and that was also J flagged.
- I want to say SW-12 is one of our regular
- 23 ones.
- 24 BRADDEN BIGELOW: Yeah, it is.
- 25 MELISSA KONECKY: So I quess the answers

- 1 to the questions are unknown as of now?
- LYNN MOORER: It's premature to ask,
- 3 that's what it's saying basically, how dare you ask.
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: So there's a question
- 5 about what does the detailed sensitivity analysis of
- 6 the model consist of, how many irrigation wells will
- 7 the model include, outside influences; I think we've
- 8 covered the rest of them.
- 9 Go ahead, Melissa.
- 10 MELISSA KONECKY: Well, I mean just
- 11 generally the sorts of things that would, you know,
- 12 just generally when you do a groundwater model, I
- 13 mean what -- what inputs indicate more or less
- 14 sensitivity? I mean, you know, as far as like
- 15 conductivity and all that kind of stuff, is that
- 16 what you're referring to, or --
- JASON LEIBBERT: If it's okay I'll start
- 18 with the easier ones first and then we will get to
- 19 sensitivity analysis.
- 20 MELISSA KONECKY: Okay.
- 21 JASON LEIBBERT: Question No. 3
- 22 actually -- this fact sheet is in response to an
- 23 e-mail that we got from Melissa; she had six
- 24 questions.
- The third question that she asked was:

1 Please describe all outside influences that the next

- 2 RDGM, which is our groundwater model, will include.
- 3 If you remember when we talked about the
- 4 model in March, when you -- when you create a
- 5 numerical model you look at as many outside
- 6 influences that are present at the site you're
- 7 looking at.
- 8 So what this means for us is we look at
- 9 natural features, such as the Platte River, such as
- 10 Johnson Creek, Clear Creek, Silver Creek,
- 11 Wahoo Creek, because those exert an influence over
- 12 the groundwater flow and direction, we look at
- 13 man-made influences such as irritation wells, both
- 14 outside of the plume and also within the plume, we
- 15 look at municipal supply wells like Ashland,
- 16 Lincoln, and then the big one in this case, which
- 17 every one is concerned about, is the MUD Platte West
- 18 Well Field.
- 19 So the model that we're working on right
- 20 now, our groundwater model, will include all those
- 21 things.
- Next one.
- One of the other questions Melissa asked
- 24 in her letter to us was how many irrigation wells
- 25 will the next RDGM include and how is this number

- 1 arrived at?
- 2 I don't have an exact number here for you
- 3 tonight. The process by which that is determined is
- 4 we start by going to the State of Nebraska. I think
- 5 it's Nebraska DNR, Department of Natural Resources,
- 6 that maintains a registered well database.
- 7 So theoretically everyone in Nebraska that
- 8 drills an irrigation well registers that well with
- 9 the State of Nebraska, so that database can give us
- 10 a location of that well and it can also give us a --
- 11 I can't remember if the database has an estimated
- 12 pumping rate or not.
- 13 If it's not in the database then we go
- 14 through other efforts to try to make our own
- 15 estimates on those pumping rates, so it's kind of
- 16 the first step.
- 17 And what we would do is we would search
- 18 the database for all irrigation wells that are in,
- 19 you know, this general area.
- 20 The groundwater model that URS is working
- 21 on right now is actually a little bit bigger than
- 22 the area covered by this map, but -- so we can talk
- 23 about it. We would just look at that database and
- 24 tell the database to tell us where all the
- 25 irrigation wells are in this area, and then we would

1 look at those results and we would try to identify

- 2 any sort of errors or inconsistencies.
- 3 Sometimes the same well is listed twice in
- 4 the database, you know, so that's something that has
- 5 to be fixed, those sorts of things, to make sure
- 6 that they're accurate, and if there's things that we
- 7 have questions about we can contact the owner of
- 8 that well in the database to try to get
- 9 clarifications.
- 10 And then once we have all those wells
- 11 identified, we try to assign them a pumping rate and
- 12 a pumping schedule. We know that irrigation wells
- 13 only operate during certain times of the year, so we
- 14 put that information in the model, an estimated
- 15 pumping schedule.
- 16 We know that some irrigation wells do
- 17 more, they pump more water than others, so we try to
- 18 assign a pumping rate to each one of those
- 19 irrigation wells.
- 20 All that is part of the development of the
- 21 model. As we revise the model and we do updates,
- 22 the last version of this model was done in 2004, so
- 22 in 2004 we went through this process. We identified
- 24 all those irrigation wells in 2004.
- 25 What we're doing now is to look for the

1 differences between 2004 and 2006. Are there any

- 2 new irrigations wells that have been installed since
- 3 2004; I don't know the answer to that question
- 4 exactly right here at this moment. The chances are
- 5 there's probably a few, and when we find those we'll
- 6 include those in the new version of the model.
- 7 And then the last question about
- 8 sensitivity analysis about the model, sensitivity
- 9 analysis is a process of basically you go through
- 10 the work of creating your model and you define all
- 11 of these different things, you define were all the
- 12 irrigation wells are and the river and the surface
- 13 water, the creeks, and, you know, everything you
- 14 know about the site, hydraulic conductivity and
- 15 transmissivity and storativity, and all those
- 16 parameters that you gain when you do testing at the
- 17 site.
- You put all that into the model and then
- 19 once that's complete you do two things: Is you do
- 20 calibration and you do sensitivity analysis.
- 21 Calibration is where you tell the model to
- 22 do its simulation, and then you compare those
- 23 results to actual known results that you already
- 24 know about the site, and the easiest example of that
- 25 is water levels.

1 The model will predict that at Monitoring

- 2 Well 13 the water level should be, you know, 83 feet
- 3 below ground surface. That's what the model says,
- 4 and then we go out and check it, we actually go out
- 5 to this well and we take a measurement, we take a
- 6 reading to see what the real water level really is,
- 7 and if it's close enough to what the model predicted
- 8 then that tells us that the model did a good job of
- 9 simulating the hydraulic properties around MW-33.
- 10 So we do that across the whole site.
- 11 We -- calibration's probably one of the most
- 12 important things you do in developing the
- 13 groundwater model, so we look to get a lot of
- 14 information, like we talked about before, data from
- 15 Lower Platte NRD, data from USGS; all that stuff
- 16 helps us calibrate our model.
- 17 LYNN MOORER: Excuse me, Mr. Leibbert,
- 18 while you take a breath, you said if the actual
- 19 level is close enough; what do you use as an
- 20 acceptable error rate?
- 21 JASON LEIBBERT: I'd have to check on
- 22 exactly what it is. You can do a couple of
- 23 difference statistical comparisons. You can look at
- 24 linear regression, you can look at root means
- 25 square. There is -- there is a threshold that, you

- 1 know, general practice, you know, in the engineering
- 2 community and geology community says that if it's
- 3 within this range it's a good match, if it's not in
- 4 this range it's not a good match. I don't know what
- 5 that number is off the top of my head.
- 6 We can look it up and get back to you, but
- 7 I don't know what that threshold is. It's plus or
- 8 minus 10 percent, something like that.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: That's a specific question I
- 10 again ask to be followed up on after this meeting
- 11 and well prior to the next RAB meeting. Thank you.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Okay. That's an easy
- 13 one.
- 14 That's calibration. Sensitivity analysis
- 15 is a little bit different. Sensitivity analysis is
- 16 the process by which you go into the model and you
- 17 artificially change different perimeters.
- 18 You artificially change the hydraulic
- 19 conductivity, you artificially change
- 20 transmissivity, which are aquifer properties that
- 21 relate to how much water you can extract from a well
- 22 and how much drawdown in the well results of that.
- 23 This is something that the modeler does
- 24 that again as a check against his work to make sure
- 25 that the model is doing a good job of simulating

- 1 what we actually see.
- 2 So the sensitivity analysis modeler will
- 3 go in and artificially change those perimeters, and
- 4 then he'll run the simulation again and see what's
- 5 different, see if he gets a different answer this
- 6 time, and then he'll change a different perimeter
- 7 and see if he gets a different answer, then he'll
- 8 change a different perimeter and see if he gets a
- 9 different answer.
- 10 And you do that, the purpose of doing that
- 11 is to see how does the model respond to these
- 12 artificial changes, and what that looks like or what
- 13 that reveals is, depending on how you constructed
- 14 your model and what kind of information you've
- 15 included in it, the results of that could come back
- 16 and say this model is very sensitive to changes in
- 17 hydraulic conductivity; that if you change the
- 18 hydraulic conductivity just one little bit you get
- 19 much different results from the model.
- 20 What that means is you need to put more
- 21 work or more effort into determining what the
- 22 hydraulic conductivity is at your site, because if
- 23 you're just a little bit wrong about that you're
- 24 going to get much different answers from your model.
- 25 And then the opposite of that is also

- 1 important information: If you change the hydraulic
- 2 conductivity -- if you change the hydraulic
- 3 conductivity and you don't get different results,
- 4 that means the model is insensitive or not sensitive
- 5 to changes in hydraulic conductivity.
- 6 That could be no problem or that could be
- 7 a sign that your model has something wrong with it
- 8 because you should expect that if you change the
- 9 hydraulic conductivity you would get different
- 10 results.
- 11 So it's an indicator that the modeler uses
- 12 to judge his work and judge is the model constructed
- 13 well or is it not constructed well.
- 14 There was some -- the reason I -- I'll
- 15 speculate on why you brought this question up, is
- 16 Dr. Zurbuchen, from the Nebraska DEQ, asked us a
- 17 very similar sort of question, and I don't recall
- 18 his exact comment that he sent to us about our
- 19 model, but the gist of it was that he wanted us to
- 20 do more work on the sensitivity analysis part of --
- 21 of the model and the process that we go through when
- 22 we create the model. He wanted to us put more work
- 23 into that sensitivity analysis, and he had some
- 24 specific suggestions although I don't recall exactly
- 25 what they are right now right this minute.

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Our response to Dr. Zurbuchen was we
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- 2 agreed, and the next time we get ready to update the
- 3 model we'll do more work in regards to sensitivity
- 4 analysis and follow your suggestions; that's what's
- 5 in progress right now.
- 6 Our groundwater model, we're scheduled to
- 7 have a report published later this year, September
- 8 this year maybe.
- 9 GARTH ANDERSON: Yes.
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: I'll have to check the
- 11 schedule. Again, that model will be subject to
- 12 review by EPA and DEQ, you know, hopefully we think
- 13 we've addressed all those comments that we got from
- 14 the agencies previously, and we'll see if they have
- 15 any new comments for us.
- 16 And so I think -- you know, you tell me if
- 17 that answered your question.
- 18 MELISSA KONECKY: Yeah, I think.
- 19 HAROLD KOLB: I noticed on the Artesian
- 20 test up there on Johnson Creek, that thing just
- 21 keeps going up and up and up. Now, the TCE, I
- 22 understand, just boils off into the air, but the RDX
- 23 keeps going up, and where does RDX -- the test for
- 24 the RDX keeps going up; where is the RDX going?
- JASON LEIBBERT: The Artesian Well is

- 1 right here, and it is close to Johnson Creek and
- 2 it's right in kind of the middle of this part of the
- 3 plume right here. This is TCE, the blue is RDX and
- 4 then this is some areas where it's co-mingled where
- 5 you find both RDX and TCE.
- 6 The Artesian Well is just that, and if
- 7 you're not familiar with the definition of artesian
- 8 conditions, it means that groundwater comes to the
- 9 surface naturally at that point. One way to think
- 10 about it is like a spring almost.
- 11 I've not seen -- I can't remember who the
- 12 Artesian Well belongs to. I've not seen it myself,
- 13 but it's been described to me basically that it's a
- 14 pipe stuck in the ground and groundwater comes out
- of the end of the pipe, and I'm not sure if -- I'm
- 16 not sure how much -- I don't know if that flow rate
- 17 changes over the course of the year or not.
- 18 We started sampling it because we thought
- 19 that it was -- we were treating it like a water
- 20 supply well. We were treating it like a residential
- 21 supply well, and then once we found out that it's
- 22 not a supply well we made the determination that
- 23 we'll handle it like a surface water result, so it
- 24 gets sampled in the same group that the surface
- 25 water samples gets collected on the same frequency

- 1 and it gets reported that way.
- 2 The results do show increasing trends
- 3 over, I can't remember, the past six or past eight
- 4 quarters, which is good information to have but it's
- 5 within the extent of contamination, it's within the
- 6 plume.
- 7 It's being captured by EW-1 and 2, you
- 8 know, the combination of these two extraction wells
- 9 capture this part of the plume.
- 10 HAROLD KOLB: But the RDX is coming up to
- 11 the surface, so it's boiling to the surface and
- 12 running out of that property, but yet it doesn't
- 13 show anything on the surface waters downstream
- 14 because it's being diluted by the treated water I
- 15 assume.
- But that water is not being caught at EW-1
- or 2 because it's coming to the surface and running
- 18 off as surface water, so --
- 19 JASON LEIBBERT: Right.
- 20 HAROLD KOLB: -- it's still there, but
- 21 it's diluted further downstream I guess, is that all
- 22 that's happening there?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Surface water continues
- 24 to run off and drain as surface water does either
- 25 through bodies like Johnson Creek or Clear Creek or

- 1 through ditches that only carry water when it rains
- or that kind of thing, so, yes, you're correct,
- 3 surface water comes to the surface and then where
- 4 does it go from there?
- 5 The fate of RDX in the environment is such
- 6 that it will -- the concentrations that we're
- 7 talking about here are actually pretty low, even
- 8 though they're higher than two, they're still quite
- 9 low.
- 10 Every time it rains that will transport
- 11 that, you know, basically all of that ends up in the
- 12 surface water somewhere. It ends up in a creek
- 13 somewhere.
- Just one thing to keep in mind is similar
- 15 to the discussion we had about what's the
- 16 appropriate standard, but the cleanup standard for
- 17 this site for RDX is two parts per billion, and
- 18 that's based on drinking water.
- 19 If you were to come up with a standard for
- 20 RDX that was not based on drinking water you'd come
- 21 up with a number much higher similar to the example
- 22 of TCE.
- The number for TCE by the State of
- 24 Nebraska is 810 parts per billion in surface water.
- 25 Nebraska does not have a surface water quality

- 1 standard defined for RDX, because it's just
- 2 something that doesn't appear in their regulations.
- 3 But this falls into the same category as
- 4 what we talked about, that is part of the surface
- 5 water evaluation that we're working on with EPA
- 6 right now in trying to verify what is the
- 7 appropriate standard, because the drinking water is
- 8 not the right standard to apply to surface water.
- 9 It needs to be something else.
- 10 We have one from the State of Nebraska for
- 11 TCE, we don't have one for RDX; that's something
- 12 that we can generate ourselves, you know, in
- 13 conjunction with the agencies, that's something that
- 14 is being worked on right now.
- 15 HAROLD KOLB: Back to those geoprobe wells
- 16 that you have, the geoprobe tests; are you going to
- 17 go back to the same GPS locations and retest those,
- 18 and -- I know you're going to put down more
- 19 monitoring wells, but there's still -- you can't
- 20 have a monitoring well every ten feet, so are you
- 21 going back and test those at the same locations, the
- 22 ones that had a hit?
- JASON LEIBBERT: No, we won't be going
- 24 back to every single geoprobe to the exact location
- 25 to every single one that had a hit.

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1 HAROLD KOLB: Why not?
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- 2 JASON LEIBBERT: Because if they're below
- 3 action level they're below action level, but what we
- 4 will do in the future in terms of investigation is
- 5 go back to areas that need more -- that need more
- 6 investigative work.
- 7 The investigation work for this eastern
- 8 perimeter is actually quite complete and we have a
- 9 very good picture based on those results.
- 10 Interior, on this part of the site, not so
- 11 much. This is what we have to go on, it's time to
- 12 update this. We'll be doing more work in this part
- 13 of the site over the years, but for this part we
- 14 probably don't need to be doing any more geoprobe
- 15 around here.
- We need to install more monitoring wells
- 17 along here, agreed, so that we have the capability
- 18 of watching this over time, to see if it changes
- 19 shape or if it changes direction.
- 20 HAROLD KOLB: Isn't that the
- 21 responsibility of MUD?
- JASON LEIBBERT: No, actually the Army is
- 23 responsible for determining the extent of
- 24 contamination and verifying the extent of the
- 25 contamination over time.

1 HAROLD KOLB: Are you going to put any

- 2 extraction wells going through these tests down in
- 3 the center where the stuff is really bad like EW-11,
- 4 or are you going to put the wells in the -- where
- 5 the pollution comes from or are you just going to
- 6 keep catching the edges?
- 7 JASON LEIBBERT: That's a really good
- 8 question, I'm glad you asked that.
- 9 EW-11 is a very good location in terms of
- 10 there's a lot of contamination right here, so if we
- 11 can put EW-11 back into service we'll be doing a
- 12 good work.
- 13 You know, there are high levels of
- 14 contamination right there, and that'll allow us to
- 15 capture that, treat it, not have a negative impact
- on our treatment plant and do some more cleanup
- 17 action right here.
- 18 Your question about will you put more
- 19 extraction wells in other areas where you see
- 20 high concentrations?
- 21 Extraction wells, probably not;
- 22 groundwater circulation wells, yes, maybe,
- 23 hopefully; that's our plan, that's the intent.
- 24 We didn't talk much about the -- these
- 25 geoprobe results. In here, in this part of the

- 1 plume, that the focus is really on determining this
- 2 perimeter, which we did a pretty good job of it, but
- 3 these transects, these other points, reveal that
- 4 there's some localized areas in here where there are
- 5 very high concentrations compared to what's out here
- 6 on the perimeter.
- 7 Out here on the perimeter there's five or
- 8 less parts per billion of TCE; in here there may be
- 9 several hundred parts per billion TCE, and that's a
- 10 good candidate for a location for a GCW, a
- 11 groundwater circulation well.
- 12 If you remember there's two groundwater
- 13 circulation wells in service right now, and
- 14 basically how that works is it's one well that's
- installed in the ground, and there's two inlets to
- 16 that well, there's two screens, and the -- the
- 17 system takes water out of one screen, brings it up
- 18 to the surface, brings it up into a small little
- 19 miniature treatment plant, treats it right there on
- 20 the spot, and then puts the treated water back into
- 21 the same well, and it goes back go out into the
- 22 aquifer through the -- through the other screen interval.
- 23 So basically what that is, is we're
- 24 getting treatment at that location but we're not
- 25 taking water out of the aquifer, you know, we're not

- 1 taking water away from the whole system.
- 2 You know, so as a -- if we were to put a
- 3 GCW right here, you know, we would put it, you know,
- 4 right in the middle of a hot spot, and that water
- 5 would continue to be treated over time.
- 6 Another benefit of the groundwater
- 7 circulation wells is that water can make multiple
- 8 passes through the circulation well, it'll get
- 9 sucked up, it'll get treated, it'll go back out into
- 10 the formation, and it'll either get away or it'll be
- 11 sucked up again.
- 12 And it kind of depends on the groundwater
- 13 velocity, and there's other things that can
- 14 influence that, but you do get multiple treatment
- 15 passes through that.
- 16 So again, if you remember way back when
- 17 this whole extraction well was being designed,
- 18 there was a lot of concern about taking too much
- 19 water out of the aquifer if we just extract it, put
- 20 it in a creek, you know, then we're taking it out of
- 21 the aquifer.
- 22 Groundwater circulation wells are a great
- 23 way to avoid that. You know, we don't have to
- 24 install more extraction wells, we can do more GCWs
- 25 instead.

1 HAROLD KOLB: How effective are those

- 2 GCWs?
- 3 JASON LEIBBERT: The two GCWs that we have
- 4 right now are actually working really great.
- 5 Effective -- excuse me.
- 6 As in treatment efficiency, the two GCWs have
- 7 different treatment technologies. One of them is
- 8 based on -- excuse me, is based on an ultraviolet
- 9 treatment system, and that's for the RDX
- 10 contamination.
- 11 LYNN MOORER: (Inaudible comment.)
- 12 JASON LEIBBERT: GCW-2 is over here, and
- 13 this is one that treats RDX contamination, and it
- 14 treats it with an ultraviolet process, and the
- 15 groundwater contamination is pulled up, it goes
- 16 through a small little treatment system where it's
- 17 exposed to ultraviolet light.
- 18 That ultraviolet light actually breaks the
- 19 RDX molecules, it destroys the RDX and treats it in
- 20 that fashion, so the water that goes back into the
- 21 formation has been treated for RDX.
- 22 GCW-1, which is up here, is a little bit
- 23 different. This has a tiny little airstripper
- 24 installed here, and this treats TCE contaminated
- 25 water.

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1 And also, for those of you that are
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- 2 familiar with the site, know that there's a wind
- 3 turbine here that helps power that system. That's
- 4 kind of an experiment that we have going with the
- 5 University of Missouri to evaluate the economics
- 6 that -- does that result in any sort of cost savings
- 7 by using a wind turbine to generate power to run that system.
- 8 That study is in progress now, but those
- 9 two GCWs actually do a very good of
- 10 treating water --
- 11 HAROLD KOLB: How many GCWs are planned
- 12 versus regular EWs, and is there any way we can get
- 13 that water that's being wasted now pumped back up
- 14 somewhere in there to create a wetland or something
- 15 rather than just wasting this water down the creek,
- 16 because it's going to be factor here in a few years.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, it -- I wasn't
- 18 around five or ten years ago on this project when
- 19 all this was being discussed, you know the history
- 20 better than I do.
- 21 The -- the water that's treated by the
- 22 treatment plant right now during the summertime,
- 23 almost every bit of that gets used by other people
- 24 for irrigation, so that water, during those -- that
- 25 time of the year is not being discharged to the

- 1 creek, it's not being wasted.
- 2 During off times, when there's no
- 3 irrigation necessary, yes, it goes back into the
- 4 creeks.
- 5 Can we do something different with that,
- 6 can we change that? That's a bigger question than
- 7 what we're going to be able to answer tonight. I
- 8 don't know, you know, that's -- that decision was
- 9 very long in the making, and it'll be long in the
- 10 changing.
- But your question about how many GCWs,
- 12 that is up in the air, and it kind of depends on how
- 13 many different hot spots will we find across the
- 14 site.
- 15 And I also want to point out that GCW is a
- 16 way that's been used at this site. We have these
- 17 two that are working well already. There's other
- 18 things you can do with TCE contamination; there's
- 19 other things you can do with RDX contamination that
- 20 don't require extraction wells, but GCWs is what we
- 21 have so far and that's what we have experience with.
- 22 So I don't have a good feeling for how
- 23 many GCWs will the army install. It depends on how
- 24 many hot spots we find, it depends on, you know,
- 25 will it -- will it be effective.

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1 You know, there may be some areas of the
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- 2 site where even though you have high levels of
- 3 contamination the geology may be such that the
- 4 circulation wells won't work there, you won't get
- 5 the extraction, excuse me, and reinjection to be
- 6 able to work properly.
- 7 So -- but the intent is, the plan is to
- 8 start putting more of those in to treat some of
- 9 these hot spots. I just can't tell you how many.
- 10 HAROLD KOLB: What's the time frame?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, that's another good
- 12 question.
- So far, you know, in the past couple of
- 14 years our focus, and I think everyone else's focus
- 15 has been on this eastern perimeter. Everyone is
- 16 concerned about what's going to happen in the future
- 17 around this part of the site. That's where all our
- 18 work, all of our money has been going, is in here.
- To complement that, when we found this,
- 20 every one knew we had a problem and everyone knew we
- 21 were out of containment, and therefore not in
- 22 compliance with the requirements that we're
- 23 obligated to meet, so this was the No. 1 priority
- for a while.
- Now that this is basically under control,

1 now that this is not necessarily under control but

- 2 we'll have monitoring wells by the end of the year,
- 3 you know, this will basically be, you know,
- 4 stabilized, taken care of.
- 5 So now, you know, this is okay, this is
- 6 okay, now we can start shifting our focus to the
- 7 interior of the plume, and see what can we do inside
- 8 of here to make the cleanup better, to make the
- 9 cleanup go faster, all those kinds of things.
- 10 GARTH ANDERSON: This is Garth Anderson.
- 11 If you look in the site management plan in
- 12 Section 2, we kind of lay that out, the general time
- 13 frame of when we're going to start looking at the
- 14 GCWs in the interior of the plumes.
- 15 VIDEOGRAPHER: Garth, two minutes.
- 16 GARTH ANDERSON: We have two minutes until
- 17 we need to do another tape change.
- 18 LYNN MOORER: Before I -- Lynn Moorer
- 19 again.
- 20 Before I forget, I need to note for the
- 21 record that the purported link on the web site for
- 22 answers to the December 2005 questions is
- 23 inoperable, it has never operated properly, so you
- 24 have touted having provided answers and you're
- 25 attempting to shift to electronic provision of

1 information, but it is spotty with respect to the

- 2 technical link up.
- 3 I want to talk about the -- a little bit
- 4 about your groundwater -- excuse me, containment
- 5 evaluation report draft final dated June 2006.
- 6 Could you answer quickly for me what is
- 7 the definition of containment that you have now
- 8 finally provided?
- 9 DEO did note that that draft version that
- 10 we discussed at the last meeting did not contain a
- 11 definition of containment, so what is your
- 12 definition of containment now in this report?
- 13 JASON LEIBBERT: Very quickly before the
- 14 tape runs out, definition of containment is every
- 15 year we will demonstrate that the groundwater --
- 16 that the contaminated groundwater is or is not being
- 17 hydraulically captured, is not -- is or is not being
- 18 captured by the extraction wells that we have, so
- 19 that's the definition.
- If we can show that, yes, all of the
- 21 contaminated water that we know of is being captured
- 22 by the extraction wells to everyone's satisfaction,
- 23 the answer to that question is yes.
- 24 If we're not able to show that the
- 25 contaminated groundwater is being captured by the

extraction wells, then the answer to that question

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is no, and that's it.
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               LYNN MOORER: And so your definition of
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     containment or contamination extends further than
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     just what are the cleanup goals?
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               JASON LEIBBERT: No, we're signed up to
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     capture contaminated groundwater that exceeds the
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     action levels that have been assigned to us.
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               GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. We'll have to do a
     tape change, so take a break, please.
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1 (At 9:20 p.m., with parties present as
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- 2 before, the following proceedings were had, to-wit:)
- 3 GARTH ANDERSON: I think we're ready to
- 4 start again. Are we live now?
- 5 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are.
- GARTH ANDERSON: Okay, great.
- 7 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Anderson, Lynn Moorer.
- 8 GARTH ANDERSON: Jason.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: I was -- I wanted to
- 10 continue my colloquy with Mr. Leibbert on
- 11 containment.
- 12 GARTH ANDERSON: Just a minute, please.
- 13 Please, if anybody has any specific
- 14 questions after the meeting, we'll be here to answer
- 15 and to talk details on the map.
- So, okay, I think we're once again live,
- 17 so, Ms. Moorer, I believe you had a question.
- 18 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Leibbert, I want to get
- 19 it clear for the record here, we're talking about
- 20 the containment evaluation report --
- 21 Harold, you're too noisy.
- 22 When -- and you were making
- 23 characterizations about the known extent of the
- 24 contamination, what you really mean is contamination
- 25 that is above the cleanup goals, that's what you

1 really mean; you don't mean all contamination, you

- 2 just mean contamination that's above the cleanup
- 3 goals, right?
- 4 JASON LEIBBERT: Yes, that's a
- 5 clarification that I need to make, is that when we
- 6 talk about containing contaminated groundwater,
- 7 we're talking about containing contaminated
- 8 groundwater at concentrations above the action
- 9 levels that have been defined for the site.
- 10 LYNN MOORER: I want to direct you to the
- 11 containment evaluation work plan dated June 20 --
- 12 June 2006, Page 4.1.
- 13 And for those of you who are aware that --
- 14 that the Corps came up with collaboration of EPA and
- 15 DEQ, some responses to Senator Nelson, you may know
- 16 that they came up with some answers to questions
- 17 lodged to them by Senator -- or forwarded to them by
- 18 Senator Nelson.
- 19 And one of things that they say in the
- 20 response to Senator Nelson is that -- let me see,
- 21 excuse me a moment, there's -- I need the Nelson
- 22 letter.
- 23 Anyhow, they're basically saying that the
- 24 site in this containment evaluation work plan as
- 25 being -- as laying out what the response plans are

1 intended by the Corps, by DEQ and EPA if there are

- 2 problems that arise; that's where you can find the
- 3 response plans in relation to that.
- 4 Thank you, Melissa.
- 5 So Mr. Anderson's response to
- 6 Senator Nelson dated June 15, 2006, says, the
- 7 Kansas City District Corps of Engineers with the EPA
- 8 and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality are
- 9 developing a response plan that the Corps would
- 10 implement in the unlikely event the contaminated
- 11 groundwater plume moves beyond the reach of the
- 12 groundwater containment system now in place.
- 13 These response actions are described in a
- 14 document entitled the containment evaluation work
- 15 plan. Okay. I've got a copy of the containment
- 16 evaluation work plan that says it's draft final
- 17 June 2006.
- 18 So if you look in here in the section
- 19 devoted to response plan -- and I have copies for
- 20 other folks who want just the excerpt that I'm
- 21 talking about, this is Section 4 out of the report.
- It's -- it's all of two pages, the
- 23 response plan is all of not even quite two pages, so
- 24 if somebody else is interested in seeing those, feel
- 25 free to help yourself.

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1 So I'm directing your attention to a
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- 2 statement that you've got in here on Page -- on both
- 3 Page 4.1 and 4.2. You talk about trend, a clear
- 4 trend.
- 5 It says, if the results of the increased
- 6 sampling frequency do not indicate that there is a
- 7 clear trend in the results or if the original
- 8 detection is not consistent or reproducible, then
- 9 the sampling frequency shall be returned to the
- 10 original frequency with no further action necessary.
- 11 So my specific question is what do you
- 12 mean by clear trend? You also use that term on
- 13 Page 4.2 also.
- 14 GARTH ANDERSON: Do you want to handle it?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Uh-huh.
- 16 What this is meant to address is a case
- 17 such as the case of MW-85.
- 18 If you recall, MW-85 is down here and it's
- 19 down gradient of the extraction wells and down
- 20 gradient of the contamination.
- 21 You can double-check me on the dates to
- 22 make sure I'm correct, but what I remember is in
- 23 December 2004 this well was sampled, and it had a
- 24 detection of ten parts per billion of RDX,
- 25 completely unheard of, had never been seen before at

1 that location at that kind of concentration, took

- 2 everyone by surprise; that is clearly not where
- 3 contamination is supposed to be.
- 4 The response -- part of the response to
- 5 that was to sample that well again and to sample it
- 6 on an increased frequency instead of just sampling
- 7 that well once a year, to sample it three or four
- 8 times a year.
- 9 Since then every time we've gone back to
- 10 this well it's been either nondetect or below action
- 11 level.
- 12 To follow up on that we did some -- a very
- 13 small geoprobe investigation right in this vicinity
- 14 to try to determine if there is any other
- 15 contamination in the area that -- that wasn't
- 16 revealed by sampling the monitoring well.
- 17 This area was also covered -- it's behind
- 18 the screen now, but when we did those geoprobe
- 19 transects in last year -- I know it's hard to see.
- 20 MW-85 is right here, there's a cluster of
- 21 geoprobe points right, again to try to reconfirm
- 22 that; all indications are is that there's no
- 23 contamination or there's no contamination above the
- 24 action level at that location, so this -- this
- 25 statement in the containment evaluation work plan

1 that you just read is meant to address cases like

- 2 that.
- 3 There may be times in the future, five
- 4 years, ten years from now, I don't know when, maybe
- 5 we'll find a detection, we'll find a -- we'll sample
- 6 a well out here and it'll be -- it'll have TCE above
- 7 the action level, and if that happens, we want to
- 8 confirm that, we want to sample that again as fast
- 9 as we can to see if that's really correct.
- 10 LYNN MOORER: Mr. --
- JASON LEIBBERT: We want to do more
- 12 investigation in that area to make sure that that's
- 13 actually correct because there's times when you get
- 14 unusual or unreproducible results that would lead
- 15 you to a false conclusion, and you need to be able
- 16 to rule those out.
- 17 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Leibbert, may I focus
- 18 you, I'm asking a basically short question or a --
- 19 something with a short answer, what constitutes a
- 20 clear trend.
- 21 So for example, would it take two or three
- 22 or four occasions in which you see similar or rising
- 23 readings, what constitutes a clear trend?
- Or how many -- you've given two possible
- 25 definitions here but you haven't specified, you've

1 also indicated there could be other locations in

- 2 that vicinity that might indicate a trend, but how
- 3 many constitute a trend; that's what I'm saying,
- 4 define for me what you consider to be a clear trend?
- 5 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, there is no
- 6 specific answer to that question. I can --
- 7 LYNN MOORER: Well, then why do you use
- 8 this in the report? I mean, this seems to be clear,
- 9 important language. I mean, this is your response
- 10 plan; you say if there is a clear trend then you
- 11 will do thus and such.
- 12 Well, if you can't explain what a clear
- 13 trend is then this is a pretty worthless plan as it
- 14 pertains to use of that term.
- 15 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, a clear trend would
- 16 be results that would be reproducible over time,
- 17 that we would see this unusual result and that would
- 18 trigger our attention.
- 19 LYNN MOORER: Over how much time?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Kind of depends. If it's
- 21 in an area that's very near a residential well, we
- 22 would probably not wait very long; if it's in a
- 23 different area that poses little or no risk, we will
- 24 probably wait two or three or four quarters in a
- 25 row.

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1 Some of these things are affected by
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- 2 seasonal variations, so we have to be able to rule
- 3 that out; again some of these things are ruled by
- 4 inaccurate results, so you have to be able to rule
- 5 that out.
- 6 You know, you can't make a snap decision
- 7 just based on one result one time. You have to be
- 8 able to reproduce that result over and over again
- 9 before deciding to take action on it; that's the
- 10 intent, that's what this plan is trying to lay out.
- 11 LYNN MOORER: Okay. So Mr. Leibbert, you
- 12 just said in order for you to take action you've got
- 13 to see the result occurring over and over and over
- 14 again; that certainly seems to imply that this plan
- 15 doesn't anticipate any sort of quick preparedness or
- 16 ability to respond quickly to some sort of an
- 17 emergency situation.
- 18 You're saying you're going to have to see
- 19 this -- the result happening over and over and over
- 20 again before you do anything about it; I would say
- 21 that's a pretty poor plan, and I think most folks
- 22 here would agree with me.
- 23 You understand, folks, this is just a
- 24 two-page response plan is all they've come up with,
- 25 and they've told us now he's got to see this

- 1 happening over and over again before
- 2 they're going to take any response, and this is MUD
- 3 starting to pump.
- 4 One last question related to that.
- 5 The last sentence of this says, any --
- 6 this is when you finally get to the tier that says
- 7 when you take action. The first, they have to
- 8 confirm the results, and keep confirming and
- 9 confirming and confirming, and then the next tier is
- 10 they investigate, finally the third tier is taking
- 11 action.
- 12 And then they conclude and say any such
- 13 action would be developed according to the routine
- 14 and appropriate design process, and would also be
- 15 developed in conjunction with the appropriate
- 16 regulatory agencies.
- 17 I'd like you to explain to me,
- 18 Mr. Leibbert, or somebody else from the Corps, what
- 19 does it mean that an action would be developed
- 20 according to the routine and appropriate design
- 21 process?
- JASON LEIBBERT: So if you're familiar
- 23 with this site you may be familiar with the detail
- 24 that the site is regulated by CERCLA, which is a
- 25 series of environmental laws that dictate how and

- 1 why and when you cleanup sites like this.
- 2 CERCLA has a very clear process on how you
- 3 go about defining a remedy, how you go about
- 4 selecting a remedy, and prior to that, how you go
- 5 about investigating a site.
- 6 The CERCLA process is basically you
- 7 investigate to determine the problem, you design a
- 8 remedy that is meant to address the problem, and
- 9 then you go out and implement that remedy.
- 10 That process is clearly defined, and
- 11 that's what this sentence is referring to when it
- 12 talks about the routine and appropriate design
- 13 process.
- We can clarify that if it needs
- 15 clarification, but between us and EPA and DEQ, we
- 16 know what that process is, and that process is just
- 17 as I explained; you evaluate the problem, you work
- 18 together to determine a solution, and then the
- 19 responsible party implements that solution.
- 20 LYNN MOORER: Well, thank you for your
- 21 response, Mr. Leibbert, but I do not agree with your
- 22 implication that, well, if DEQ, EPA and the Corps
- 23 know what we need therefore our reports don't have
- 24 to be clearly written, nor does the public have to
- 25 be clued in on what our grand plan is, I reject

- 1 that.
- 2 Is it fair to say that from your view,
- 3 routine and appropriate design process means the
- 4 CERCLA process?
- 5 JASON LEIBBERT: Yeah, everything we do at
- 6 the site is governed by the CERCLA.
- 7 LYNN MOORER: I simply want to know does
- 8 routine and appropriate design mean in your view the
- 9 CERCLA process, is that what that is intended to
- 10 convey?
- 11 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, this is Garth
- 12 Anderson.
- 13 What it's intended to convey is that it's
- 14 a -- you don't rush out there and throw a remedy in
- 15 without giving it some type of deliberate design
- 16 process, where we -- you try to find -- you come up
- 17 with the best remedy for the situation and you
- 18 design appropriately, taking into account all the
- 19 data, geology, all the right technology, and once
- 20 that's designed it has to be reviewed and concurred
- 21 with the regulatory agencies; that is what we mean
- 22 by the routine design process.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: Where does this report, if
- 24 any -- where in this report, if anywhere in it, does
- 25 it deal with your preparedness for situations that

- 1 are not routine?
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, that's exactly what
- 3 this report speaks to is if and when there's a time
- 4 when there's a detection of contamination above the
- 5 defined action levels in an area outside of the
- 6 known extent of contamination, basically what that means
- 7 is if we see contamination somewhere where it's not
- 8 supposed to be, that's the trigger.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: That's pretty routine at
- 10 this site.
- 11 JASON LEIBBERT: It is very routine,
- 12 that's the appropriate response.
- 13 LYNN MOORER: The question is your
- 14 preparedness for things that not routine,
- 15 Mr. Leibbert, things that are unusual, surprises.
- 16 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, this is
- 17 Garth Anderson.
- 18 LYNN MOORER: My question has to do with
- 19 things that suddenly are of a higher urgency than
- 20 you've ever dealt with before; where is your plan
- 21 that describes how you're going to deal with that?
- 22 GARTH ANDERSON: That's what this is, by
- 23 finding contamination outside of the known or
- 24 expected to be, that is not routine. That's an
- 25 unusual occurrence, and this is the response action

1 that we would take if something were to be found out

- 2 of -- out of what we're signed up to do according to
- 3 the ROD, according to the way our system operates.
- 4 If there's an emergency situation like
- 5 such as a residential well is found to be
- 6 contaminated above the action level, then we
- 7 immediately, without consultation with the
- 8 regulators, without anybody giving any blessing, we
- 9 put in an alternate water supply, some type of
- 10 bottled water or home treatment system.
- 11 LYNN MOORER: Are you prepared to provide
- 12 an alternate water supply to the city of Lincoln?
- GARTH ANDERSON: That's a huge
- 14 hypothetical question that I'm not going to address
- 15 tonight.
- 16 LYNN MOORER: Well, it's certainly a
- 17 possibility, and that is one of the attributes I
- 18 think of a competent response plan or a contingency
- 19 plan.
- 20 GARTH ANDERSON: We're not -- the
- 21 contingency plan is not going to do every what-if
- 22 that you could possibly imagine on the site.
- When we see things that are out of the
- 24 ordinary, then we look at it to make sure that we
- 25 understand the problem, we know the extent of the

1 problem, and we -- if necessary, we implement an

- 2 appropriate remedy.
- 3 LYNN MOORER: Okay. You've dodged that
- 4 question.
- 5 I want to ask you about Figure 1.3 in this
- 6 report. It's entitled extraction well system target
- 7 capture zone, and on the western part of this site
- 8 it shows as the extended plume down on Load Line 1,
- 9 this little orange extent of the plume as the legion
- 10 describes it to be, but I noticed that the dashed
- 11 lines, which are supposed to be the target capture
- 12 zone, don't go as far south as the plume extends, so
- 13 that at least indicates to me that your target
- 14 capture zone is not as far south as the plume is
- 15 known to extend at this time.
- So can you explain to me why the target
- 17 capture zone is not as far as the plume?
- JASON LEIBBERT: It -- that's -- that's
- 19 kind of an error on that figure.
- The intent is to capture all contaminated
- 21 groundwater at levels above the clean-up goals for this
- 22 site.
- Our determination on how well we're doing
- 24 that down here around Load Line 1 is in progress
- 25 this year and will be documented next year as part

1 of the annual remedy performance report as we talked

- 2 about in response to Harold's question.
- 3 All indications are is that EW-12 is doing
- 4 a good job all by itself and may be capable of
- 5 capturing all this contamination all by itself.
- 6 LYNN MOORER: Mr. Leibbert, before you
- 7 keep going on, I'm just -- is the short answer to
- 8 the question it was a mistake and that you do plan
- 9 to try to include the entire extent of the plume
- 10 within your target capture zone?
- 11 JASON LEIBBERT: Yes.
- 12 LYNN MOORER: You could have saved us time
- 13 by just saying that. Okay. Thank you.
- 14 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: We've talked about
- 15 85 down here, and, you know, when you're discussing
- 16 it, it came out five times the limit when it came on
- 17 the map, and there's a couple residential places
- 18 there, 32 and 34, real close, and then it's been up
- 19 the road there on County Road 52A for -- I've looked
- 20 it up in the library for 13 years, probably longer,
- 21 and they've been from five to eight, they've been
- 22 over the limit all that time, and it probably is
- 23 today, it could be ten.
- So, you know, it's in that area, and you
- 25 say nondetect, well, it's never been nondetect after

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1 you found it. Maybe it's been a lower level, but
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- 2 you're finding it at two levels at 85, and you never
- 3 say that unless we ask you, and you say, yeah, it's
- 4 at two levels, the monitoring well at 85.
- 5 It's never completely gone away, has it?
- 6 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, it's below the safe
- 7 drinking water level.
- 8 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yeah, but it wasn't at
- 9 one time, it was five times the limit.
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, that result has
- 11 never been reproduced.
- 12 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: True.
- JASON LEIBBERT: We went back to that same
- 14 location.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Where did it go, it
- 16 could have went farther south?
- JASON LEIBBERT: These wells get sampled,
- 18 32 and 34, the two residential wells that you
- 19 pointed out, that have been sampled --
- 20 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yeah.
- JASON LEIBBERT: -- and --
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: But did it go east, did
- 23 it go straight east? We know it's north, it's all
- 24 the way north for a long way, RDX.
- JASON LEIBBERT: These results are to the

1 west, to the north, to the east and the south of

- 2 MW-85.
- 3 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: You haven't found it at
- 4 any level?
- 5 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, I'm not going to
- 6 say not at any level, I'm going to say below the
- 7 site cleanup level, which is the same as the safe
- 8 drinking water level.
- 9 SCOTT MAROUESS: (Inaudible comment.)
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: Below the action level.
- 11 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: So you're telling us
- 12 right now, Scott, that there's no worry?
- 13 SCOTT MARQUESS: I'm telling you that the
- 14 safe drinking water level, the level that's safe to
- 15 drink, is two and below.
- 16 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Okay. Scott, while
- 17 you're on this, why did that show up five times the
- 18 level one time, and how come it's at two levels
- 19 where it didn't use to be at two levels?
- 20 SCOTT MARQUESS: I'm not sure I can
- 21 address -- I can't tell you why it showed up at ten,
- 22 I don't have an explanation. Possible explanations
- 23 could be laboratory or sampling artifacts, error,
- lab error, the sampling cross-contamination. That'd
- 25 still be speculative, but I don't have an answer.

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1 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: It's a bigger concern
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- 2 that it's at two levels rather than one even though
- 3 it's below the action level?
- 4 SCOTT MARQUESS: I'm sorry, I'm not
- 5 following your question.
- 6 GARTH ANDERSON: It think it's two depths.
- 7 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yeah, two depths at 85.
- 8 SCOTT MARQUESS: Two depths, yeah.
- 9 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: When you first found it
- 10 it was only at one depth, now it's at two different
- 11 depths.
- 12 SCOTT MARQUESS: I'm sorry, Dave.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: But it's below the
- 14 action level but it's there.
- 15 SCOTT MARQUESS: Right, both are below two.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Right, but, you know,
- 17 when it's there, it's not like it's non-detectible,
- 18 period.
- 19 SCOTT MARQUESS: That's correct, that's
- 20 correct.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Okay. Thank you.
- 22 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: I noticed there wasn't
- 23 a very big crowd here this evening, was this RAB
- 24 meeting notified in the paper? Was a notice put in
- 25 the papers, local papers?

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1 TOM O'HARA: These were sent out to all
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- 2 the news wires notifying this meeting last week.
- 3 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: On 6.1, your mission
- 4 statement, this is for the RAB, the RAB at a minimum
- 5 will announce the meetings at appropriate local
- 6 media, including the broadcast media well in
- 7 advance.
- Now, this week is not well in advance,
- 9 just a point of information, all right, it should
- 10 have been in there two weeks ago or at least a week
- 11 ago, at the least a week ago so that people can plan
- 12 for it, because I think that's probably why there
- 13 weren't many people here although the rainstorm
- 14 didn't help.
- 15 I've got a couple more.
- 16 Platte River is as low as I've seen it in
- 17 40 years right now. This rain might bring it up a
- 18 little bit, otherwise I look in about three weeks
- 19 it's going to be dry, okay.
- 20 You're going to run an updated groundwater
- 21 model, in September it'll be completed, right?
- JASON LEIBBERT: (Nods head.)
- 23 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Okay. Our next RAB
- 24 meeting is October 19th, can we have a drawdown map
- 25 of MUD pumping 104 million gallons a day when the

- 1 Platte runs dry, 30 days after it runs dry, and
- 2 60 days after it runs dry?
- 3 Can't do that because it'll look so bad
- 4 after last night, the junk that's in the university
- 5 there, that drawdown map is going to go clear
- 6 through that university site where all that let's
- 7 just call it bad stuff is, and we don't want the
- 8 public to know about that, correct?
- 9 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, what I'll say is by
- 10 the next RAB meeting we're not going to have a
- 11 drawdown map that shows MUD pumping at 104 million
- 12 gallons a day and the Platte River going dry; that's
- 13 not the intent, that's not what our model is meant
- 14 to do.
- Our model is to help us manage this site,
- 16 and our focus is on the remediation, the cleanup of
- 17 this site, and that's what our model is meant to do.
- 18 It's meant to help us do that.
- 19 The model includes the Platte West Well
- 20 Field and it includes the Platte River because those
- 21 are the features that are hydraulically important,
- 22 you have to include those whenever you talk about
- 23 this site.
- 24 But I'm not going to make the model pump
- 25 the Platte River dry, I can get that, but it'd be

1 completely false, but I'm not going to do that. I'm

- 2 not going to make my model do something that's not
- 3 appropriate.
- 4 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: I wouldn't say it's
- 5 not appropriate, I would say it hasn't happened yet,
- 6 but we need to know what's going to happen.
- 7 See, MUD certainly isn't going to do it,
- 8 and you're supposed to be looking out for our health
- 9 and welfare and our well-being, and you're not doing
- 10 it because you won't give us a drawdown map that
- 11 shows just how bad it's going to be.
- 12 Now we've Carbon 14, chloroform -- I don't
- 13 know where I had it. There's about -- you got led
- 14 at 300 percent over maximum limit.
- Now, I know it's on the university, but
- 16 when the MUD starts pumping that is going to affect
- 17 this confounded eastern edge -- and just a minute,
- 18 Rodney, you can -- or Scott, you can go to it.
- Now, on your RAB meeting record from May
- 20 2004, Mr. Schwartz said MUD will install monitoring
- 21 wells on the eastern portion of the site to monitor
- 22 contaminants.
- Now, I would certainly suggest that you
- 24 put them in really close to that dam there because
- 25 there's a bunch of bad stuff there.

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1 SCOTT MARQUESS: Lorus, the findings of
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- 2 the university, that's information we've had for
- 3 about a week now, so it's the first shot. Some of
- 4 that data we question, some of it we have some
- 5 understanding of, all of it we have to evaluate
- 6 further and are planning to do so.
- 7 So to go beyond that and to say it is or
- 8 isn't an issue relative to MUD, I mean we're way,
- 9 way early in the game with the university at this
- 10 point.
- 11 It's not -- the issue with the university
- 12 really isn't any different than the broader issue
- 13 with the site in terms of any MUD impact, the
- 14 university contaminants; I mean, we wouldn't
- 15 anticipate that they would extend beyond the extent
- 16 that we've already depicted here for TCE.
- 17 So in terms of the global picture, it's
- 18 not really any different. It's different
- 19 contaminants, but not a different extent that would
- 20 be reached by anything hypothetically that MUD might
- 21 do.
- 22 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Except for the
- 23 drawdown at 104 million gallons a day, which they
- 24 can pump legally, that nobody wants to provide a map
- 25 for.

1 SCOTT MARQUESS: Well, I think MUD runs

- 2 that scenario.
- 3 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: We've never seen it,
- 4 I'd like to see that at the next RAB meeting.
- 5 SCOTT MARQUESS: Well, just -- I'm pretty
- 6 sure it's in there, and I know that their model is
- 7 on their web site, but --
- 8 LYNN MOORER: He's talking about the dry
- 9 conditions.
- 10 SCOTT MARQUESS: Okay. 104 plus dry,
- 11 okay, I don't know about that one.
- 12 LYNN MOORER: They haven't done that.
- 13 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: They won't because
- 14 it's going to look so horrible.
- 15 SCOTT MARQUESS: Well, I think at 104 is
- 16 where they said it started to bust.
- 17 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: No, 72 -- or 78, I'm
- 18 sorry, 78 it busts, so naturally they're not going
- 19 to want to show us what happens at 104 million
- 20 gallons a day especially when the Platte River is
- 21 dry or they've pumped it dry.
- 22 They probably won't -- if this drought
- 23 doesn't break next year they won't have to pump it
- 24 dry, it'll be dry. It'll be known as the
- 25 Platte Forest because there's a lot of trees growing

- 1 up in the islands right now.
- But anyway, see, you guys are just --
- 3 you're giving us the runaround. We've been asking
- 4 for this and asking for this, and there's no, we
- 5 can't do it, we can't do it, and you tell us you
- 6 have all these experts working for you, and you say
- 7 it doesn't affect your model, but it does.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, I'm not sure
- 9 exactly where you're getting at, Lorus. It -- it's
- 10 important for us -- us to include the Platte West
- 11 Well Field in our model, and we have done that and
- 12 we'll continue to do that.
- 13 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: You're only going to
- 14 use part of their model or part of what they're
- 15 doing.
- JASON LEIBBERT: No.
- 17 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Yes, you are. If
- 18 you're going to use everything they're doing, you
- 19 would say certainly we'll get you a map next RAB
- 20 meeting at 104 million gallons a day under those
- 21 conditions, because that's what's going to happen,
- they're legally permitted to pump that.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: And they're here in the
- 24 summer every day and it's dry.
- LORUS LUETKENHAUS: There's an awful,

1 awful resistance on your part, on everybody's part.

- 2 MUD won't do and you guys won't do it, and I
- 3 question why when you're supposed to be looking out
- 4 for us.
- 5 And if you run a model, it can't be that
- 6 much more difficult to throw in a couple parameters
- 7 and change a couple things like you were talking
- 8 about and run a model and bring us a map and let's
- 9 see what it looks like.
- 10 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, it -- if you have
- 11 questions about the MUD model you need to direct
- 12 those to them.
- 13 LORUS LUETKENHAUS: Don't give me that.
- 14 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: We're all in this, EPA
- and all of you; you've got to take all of the
- 16 scenarios and put them in there because it can
- 17 happen.
- 18 What do you think, Larry? I mean, when
- 19 they start pumping 104 do you want to say something
- 20 to this, Larry, what's going to happen?
- 21 LARRY ANGLE: Larry Angle, Lower Platte
- 22 North.
- Their annual average is supposed to be 52.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yeah, they're going to
- 25 be pumping in the summer.

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1 LARRY ANGLE: Yeah, I understand that,
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- 2 there's irrigation wells, et cetera, and that's one
- 3 of my concerns is again low flow and what's going to
- 4 happen at that condition.
- I wish I knew more about modeling, but
- 6 they always say you should use like an annual
- 7 average kind of thing, but I'm more concerned about
- 8 with the transient conditions, and so I don't know,
- 9 that's a very good question and I wish I could
- 10 answer that.
- 11 LYNN MOORER: I noticed that Mr. Marquess
- 12 did do one good thing in asking MUD to calibrate its
- 13 next model using August data.
- 14 What month of data will the Corps use in
- 15 calibrating its next RDGM?
- JASON LEIBBERT: We've had that
- 17 conversation amongst ourselves as well, and --
- 18 LYNN MOORER: You can give a short answer.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, I think I'm going
- 20 to answer the question the way I feel is
- 21 appropriate.
- We've looked at that ourselves, and we're
- 23 going to try to do two different calibration
- 24 targets: We're going to try to do a calibration
- 25 target in the spring and a calibration target in the

- 1 fall.
- 2 LYNN MOORER: Which months? What do you
- 3 consider spring, what month for spring and what
- 4 month for fall?
- 5 JASON LEIBBERT: The spring coordinated
- 6 event is usually in March, and August is -- you
- 7 know, I'll just say that exactly what month is less
- 8 important than trying to get something that's
- 9 representative of the whole irrigation season.
- 10 So if August is the best month, if August
- 11 is the most representative of the irrigation season
- 12 that's what we'll use. If it's not August, if it's
- 13 something else, then we'll use that instead.
- 14 LYNN MOORER: So you don't, at this point,
- 15 know, have a very good idea of what that time period
- 16 is for irrigation season, you don't know that yet?
- JASON LEIBBERT: I can't tell you that,
- 18 but I can take this --
- 19 LYNN MOORER: Ask anybody else around here
- 20 and we'll all tell you. We know it's August, that's
- 21 the month.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Okay.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: No question, that's where
- 24 you got the largest drawdown.
- JASON LEIBBERT: If you say so.

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DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Look at the records.
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- LYNN MOORER: Ask Dave, Harold will tell
- 3 you, Lorus will tell you.
- I had one other note for the record.
- 5 During the break I wanted -- I made this
- 6 comment to Mr. Leibbert, but I want it to go on the
- 7 record, and this falls on what Lorus was asking for,
- 8 the map.
- 9 I asked why this big map that you've got
- 10 on the north wall is an outdated map. I -- and I
- 11 respectfully request that the maps that you bring us
- 12 be current maps.
- There's -- it's worthless or virtually
- 14 worthless to be giving us presentations on maps that
- 15 are outdated.
- I did note that the more of an aerial
- 17 photo type map that's in the containment evaluation
- 18 report is a good one, and I'm suggesting -- I
- 19 suggested and requested, I want this to be on the
- 20 record so you will at a minimum have a record of
- 21 this in case you should actually look at the
- 22 transcripts, that that is a good layout, and if you
- 23 could thicken the lines, the colored lines that show
- 24 the extent of the plume, that is one of the better
- 25 visual layouts, and I request that an updated

1 version of that map be used at the next RAB meeting,

- 2 and don't use outdated maps, please.
- JASON LEIBBERT: I'll go on record by
- 4 saying thanks for that suggestion. I'll also go on
- 5 record by saying that this map is convenient to
- 6 speak from because it's so large and everyone can
- 7 see it.
- 8 We do provide updated maps every RAB.
- 9 Those are updated, those are updated, everything we
- 10 put in the reports and put in the library is
- 11 updated.
- 12 This one isn't changed from month to month
- 13 because it's not necessary to, because we publish
- 14 updated results in other forms.
- 15 LYNN MOORER: I disagree with you,
- 16 Mr. Leibbert. It is misleading to be posting an
- 17 outdated map at a meeting and then referring to it
- 18 continually as you have. Don't bring us maps that
- 19 are outdated.
- JASON LEIBBERT: Well, I refer to these
- 21 maps many times during the evening, and those are up
- 22 to date.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: Don't bring us outdated
- 24 maps, that's the point.
- 25 MELISSA KONECKY: I'm Melissa Konecky.

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1 You guys sampled four residential wells
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- 2 then since the last RAB; is that right?
- JASON LEIBBERT: (Nods head.)
- 4 MELISSA KONECKY: Were they new wells that
- 5 hadn't been tested before, or why were there just
- 6 four?
- 7 BRADDEN BIGELOW: (Inaudible comment.)
- 8 JASON LEIBBERT: The sample schedule is
- 9 different for every well. Four were sampled in
- 10 the -- you were talking about the June sampling
- 11 event, that's what was scheduled.
- They're not new or unusual, they're four
- 13 wells that have been sampled again in the past or
- 14 have been sampled previously in the past.
- Next quarter we'll do a different set of
- 16 wells, the quarter after that we'll do a different
- 17 set of wells, the quarter after that we'll do a
- 18 different set of wells.
- 19 The four wells that were sampled in June,
- 20 that was part of the regular schedule, and there's
- 21 nothing unusual about that.
- 22 MELISSA KONECKY: Is it the ones that are
- 23 closer to the plumes, you sample more frequently
- 24 then or --
- 25 BRADDEN BIGELOW: They're in the plume.

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1 JASON LEIBBERT: Well, Brady can look it
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- 2 up and tell us exactly which four wells we're
- 3 talking about. I believe it's some of these that
- 4 are in the plume.
- 5 And Brady, if you can look what's the
- 6 frequency that we do those wells.
- 7 BRADDEN BIGELOW: Okay.
- 8 JASON LEIBBERT: The four that we're
- 9 talking about.
- 10 BRADDEN BIGELOW: Those are quarterly, I
- 11 believe those are the ones that -- I'll run it.
- 12 JASON LEIBBERT: Brady's going to check,
- 13 but I think it's these that are in the plume, and
- 14 these are on a quarterly frequency, so these get
- 15 sampled every three months, but we'll wait to see if
- 16 that's an accurate response.
- 17 LYNN MOORER: I wanted to get a specific
- 18 commitment from Mr. Anderson.
- 19 When are you going to provide the complete
- 20 site management plan in large print including the
- 21 schedule as you've promised? When specifically are
- 22 you going to provide it?
- 23 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, we can -- it's just
- 24 a matter of how we print it. If this is something
- 25 that we want to discuss at the next RAB, we can do

- 1 that, or if certain individuals would like us to
- 2 mail them a hard copy on something larger, we can do
- 3 that too.
- 4 Just by putting it on the web doesn't
- 5 necessarily mean it's in a bigger font or anything;
- 6 it has to be printed out in hard copy and
- 7 distributed.
- 8 So would you like us to mail -- mail them
- 9 to certain individuals or whoever requests it or --
- 10 LYNN MOORER: I'd like to clarify. I'm
- 11 not suggesting that an electronic version of this is
- 12 okay, we're talking about hard copy here.
- 13 GARTH ANDERSON: That's -- I don't
- 14 disagree.
- 15 LYNN MOORER: Hard copy, large print; you
- 16 promised it -- that you would provide it, and that
- 17 we would talk -- have these available at this
- 18 meeting, and so you didn't.
- 19 At a minimum, what my request is, is that
- 20 you provide a large copy to anybody who -- and mail
- 21 it to them within a week of this meeting in large
- 22 print for anybody who requests it, and I'm one who
- 23 is requesting it.
- 24 Anybody else want it mailed to them within
- 25 a week?

1 Okay. And then have copies of whatever

- 2 the current one is at the next RAB meeting in large
- 3 print.
- 4 GARTH ANDERSON: Well, if I could -- if we
- 5 could get -- maybe Tom can get the list of those
- 6 that would like a copy mailed to them, and I don't
- 7 know if we have your mailing address, Ms. Moorer.
- 8 LYNN MOORER: I sign up every time and you
- 9 never send me anything. That also was another,
- 10 shall we say, myth that you purvey at every meeting.
- 11 You say all you have to do is sign up and
- 12 we'll send you these notices. You've never sent me
- 13 a notice once, you've never mailed me anything
- 14 either electronically or hard copy, so let's get
- 15 honest about this. I sign up every time and you
- 16 never send me anything.
- 17 GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. Tom O'Hara will
- 18 get a list of those that would like a hard copy in
- 19 the large font, and we'll mail them out when we get
- 20 back to the office.
- 21 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Thank you. I sign up
- 22 every time and don't get anything either.
- I want to clarify on the residents that's
- 24 turned in. There was 25 different people that
- 25 turned in, and as far as I know, none of them have

1 been checked, and all of them were within a mile and

- 2 a half to two miles.
- 3 You know, County Road 6 and all that area
- 4 across the bottom, and it was told to me about ten
- 5 months ago, we didn't have enough monitoring wells
- 6 over there on the west side, it slipped through, so
- 7 this could slip through, and so some of these --
- 8 It'd be nice if some of those 25 were
- 9 checked because it could slip through and be at them
- 10 today, and it's going to be around 50 to a hundred
- 11 more years, and it's going to slip through if you
- 12 guys don't work harder, and it'd sure be nice to
- 13 check some of the residential, and they're real
- 14 close. Some of them are a mile and a half.
- You know, here's the list, you put it out;
- 16 you just check that list and see if they aren't
- 17 within a mile and a half to two miles, and I need
- 18 that back. You said that, you brought it here and
- 19 put it out. All these people request it, you know.
- JASON LEIBBERT: (Inaudible comment.)
- 21 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Yes, I picked it up
- 22 here, I didn't make it up. Right there it tells,
- 23 Bigelow got the information, it's all on his. There
- 24 was another sheet too like that, a little bit
- 25 different. All those people requested it.

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JASON LEIBBERT: We'll take it and we'll
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- 2 double-check, and if they're within the mile --
- 3 LYNN MOORER: We can't hear you.
- 4 GARTH ANDERSON: You need to say it again.
- 5 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Now, did you -- did you
- 6 put that out and give it us to here? I picked it up
- 7 here at the meeting, a RAB meeting, right?
- 8 JASON LEIBBERT: Dave, I'll tell you, that
- 9 list is not familiar to me, and I don't know if that
- 10 was something that was produced by the Army Corps of
- 11 Engineers, but we'll take that list and we'll look
- 12 at each one of those locations and we'll verify
- 13 whether they're in or out of the one-mile zone, and
- 14 if they're in we'll include them in the sampling
- 15 from now on, and if they're out we'll keep it --
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: We don't know though
- 17 that they are out. Probably all you have there is
- 18 what's above the limit, and we know that it's
- 19 farther south and farther east. All you got is the
- 20 limit there.
- 21 GARTH ANDERSON: This was a -- this was
- 22 something that was developed over a year ago, and it
- 23 seemed to be fairly acceptable that we go out to
- 24 this one-mile buffer zone from the known edge of the
- 25 regulatory limit.

1 This seemed to -- everyone seemed to agree

- 2 this was a good thing, and we've been diligently
- 3 sampling everything within that one-mile buffer
- 4 zone.
- 5 DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Did you hear what I said
- 6 at the start though, and, Lisa was the person that
- 7 told me ten months or twelve months, it slipped by
- 8 us over here, we didn't have enough monitoring wells
- 9 over here. Look how far south that went before you
- 10 finally got on it to the west.
- 11 JASON LEIBBERT: Load Line 1.
- 12 GARTH ANDERSON: Right, yeah.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: So it can happen over
- 14 here, it could slip there in some residentials.
- 15 There's a lot of houses around there if you'll check
- 16 the maps.
- 17 GARTH ANDERSON: And --
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: I got maps right here to
- 19 show you.
- 20 GARTH ANDERSON: You also recall that we
- 21 are -- we do have monitoring wells along the south
- 22 here, and we're planning on putting more wells along
- 23 the southern perimeter to make sure that doesn't
- 24 slip through.
- DAVE MCREYNOLDS: Good.

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1 GARTH ANDERSON: Any last questions?
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- 2 VIC HUMLICEK: My name is Vic Humlicek
- 3 (phonetic).
- 4 I just wonder how come you can't use
- 5 domestic wells for monitoring?
- 6 JASON LEIBBERT: We do sample all of these
- 7 domestic wells. All of these green locations are
- 8 domestic wells, those are private residents, and we
- 9 do those either once or twice a year depending on
- 10 how they close they are to the plume.
- 11 LYNN MOORER: We can't hear you, it's not
- 12 functioning.
- 13 JASON LEIBBERT: In responding to Victor's
- 14 question, all of these green wells are residential
- 15 wells, and they're sampled either once or twice a
- 16 year depending on how close they are to the extent
- 17 of contamination.
- 18 So that's important for us, we want to be
- 19 able to confirm that no one's residential well has
- 20 been contaminated above the safe water levels, but
- 21 it also helps us understand where the plume may be
- 22 moving, so we do use that information, we do sample
- 23 all those wells.
- 24 GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. One more question
- 25 in the back.

1 LYNN MOORER: I have at least two

- 2 questions.
- 3 The first one is will you get the meeting
- 4 transcripts on the web site no later than 45 days
- 5 after each RAB meeting? Specifically asking that --
- 6 I'm asking that you do that so that it's not being
- 7 provided roughly a week or ten days prior to each of
- 8 the next RAB meetings, as has been your practice.
- 9 That's very late provision of those
- 10 transcripts, and last month -- last meeting you told
- 11 us basically said, well, you can expect them within
- 12 30 days, roughly a month or so after the RAB
- 13 meeting, and you -- it took virtually two and a half
- 14 months before you provided them.
- 15 GARTH ANDERSON: What kind of turnaround
- 16 do we think on this particular one?
- 17 COURT REPORTER: That was my fault; I'll
- 18 have them to you in two weeks.
- 19 GARTH ANDERSON: We'll have the raw
- 20 transcript in probably about two weeks, but we go
- 21 through the transcript to correct any technical
- 22 errors, make sure the right technical phrase or word
- 23 is in there, and spellings are corrected and things
- 24 like that, and that takes us probably another two
- 25 weeks, so our goal will be get them up on the web

- 1 site within 30 days.
- 2 LYNN MOORER: All right. We'll hold you
- 3 to it.
- 4 Then my basically last question is are
- 5 you -- what are you -- the university -- excuse me.
- 6 What are your plans with respect to
- 7 coordinating with General Dynamic and Dow Chemical
- 8 in terms of their sampling and analysis for TCE on
- 9 the site?
- 10 GARTH ANDERSON: I'm not really going to
- 11 go into discussions with other -- that regard other
- 12 PRPs at the site, those are potentially responsible
- 13 parties.
- 14 LYNN MOORER: Well, a question is are your
- 15 activities -- are your plans taking into account,
- 16 recognizing that there may be activities by other
- 17 PRPs at the site at -- apparently as it relates to
- 18 TCE?
- 19 We've been talking about site management
- 20 plan here, so that's a basic question that you can
- answer.
- 22 Are you taking into account or factoring
- 23 in other activities that they may be taking with
- 24 respect to the site? I'm referring specifically to
- 25 a January 27, 2006, report prepared by Brown and

- 1 Caldwell --
- 2 GARTH ANDERSON: No.
- 3 LYNN MOORER: -- on behalf of Dow
- 4 Chemical and General Dynamic.
- 5 GARTH ANDERSON: No.
- 6 LYNN MOORER: You're not taking any of
- 7 their potential actions into account?
- 8 GARTH ANDERSON: No.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: Do you anticipate doing that
- 10 at some point in the future if an agreement is
- 11 signed?
- 12 SCOTT MARQUESS: Let me just step in I
- 13 guess.
- 14 The site management plan assumes the Corps
- is going to take care of all the response actions,
- 16 TCE, RDX, the whole nine yards for OU2 groundwater,
- 17 so to the extent any additional -- they can get
- 18 additional contribution from another party, the work
- 19 that's been looked at thus far is very limited in
- 20 scope, so it'd be the first of -- hopefully the
- 21 first of a more substantial involvement on their
- 22 part, so -- but the site management plan has the
- 23 Corps doing all the work at this point.
- 24 LYNN MOORER: So it'd be fair to say it's
- 25 envisioned only that you'd be going after -- going

- 1 after these two other PRPs for contributions?
- 2 SCOTT MARQUESS: I don't think we could
- 3 characterize it in that fashion, no. I believe it
- 4 would be their intent to do work.
- 5 LYNN MOORER: All right. Well, okay,
- 6 that's a little different from what you just said at
- 7 the beginning.
- 8 SCOTT MARQUESS: I don't believe it is.
- 9 LYNN MOORER: All right. Anyhow just to
- 10 clarify then, you're -- EPA anticipates that if an
- 11 agreement is signed with other PRPs it would involve
- 12 more than just contribution; it would involve actual
- work cleanup at the site?
- 14 SCOTT MARQUESS: At this point it's only
- 15 investigatory in nature. We would envision that in
- 16 the future it could very likely go beyond that in terms
- 17 of their level of involvement, in terms of work,
- 18 yes.
- 19 But since that hasn't been scoped out yet,
- 20 that's why the Corps is still planning to go with
- 21 the whole -- taking care of the entirety of the
- 22 problem.
- 23 LYNN MOORER: So what are these PRPs --
- 24 what are General Dynamic and Dow Chemical looking
- 25 at, what's their specific focus right now?

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1 SCOTT MARQUESS: And you see in the work
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- 2 plan, its limited scope, at this point looking at
- 3 evaluating the potential for dense non-aqueous phase
- 4 liquids in the groundwater on the --
- 5 LYNN MOORER: Load Line 1.
- 6 SCOTT MARQUESS: Yes, we won't say east
- 7 and west because that's confusing for some.
- 8 LYNN MOORER: But basically just all
- 9 around Load Line 1?
- 10 SCOTT MARQUESS: Well, it will be TCE in
- 11 general ultimately, but they're starting at
- 12 Load Line one.
- 13 LYNN MOORER: I see.
- 14 SCOTT MARQUESS: To lead towards a -- the
- 15 next step would be pilot studies for different kinds
- of remediation systems for TCE and groundwater.
- 17 LYNN MOORER: One last question: Do you
- 18 have any idea of a rough time line for reaching
- 19 agreement with them so that we have some -- we can
- 20 say, okay, an agreement is in place, and then we
- 21 start looking for plans beyond that?
- 22 SCOTT MARQUESS: Well, the plan was for
- 23 them to implement -- to have an agreement and
- 24 implement the work in the plan that you've seen this
- 25 summer, so I think we're on track to do that.

LYNN MOORER: Thank you.

GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. If that's the last
question we during the break we I was talking
with Ms. Konecky about a date for the next RAB
meeting, and apparently October 19th may not be an
opportune date for the meeting, so I guess I'll do
some additional coordination with folks.
If there are some alternative dates to be
proposed we're prepared to execute on that
alternative date.
So, Melissa, do you have a different date
in mind?
MELISSA KONECKY: I don't.
GARTH ANDERSON: Do you want to just get
back with me on that?
MELISSA KONECKY: Yeah, that'd be great.
GARTH ANDERSON: Okay. It looks like a
wrap, folks. Thanks for coming out. Hopefully the
weather won't be too bad on your way home.
(10:15 p.m Adjournment.)
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